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Toppings

Hey want any toppings on your ramen?
Nope! It's a free service!
Huh? Doesn't that cost extra?
Anything is fine!
What do you want?
Well in that case, yes please!
Now wait just a minute!!
This'll do

A cat makes the ramen.

Look out for more outrageous ramen recipes as Taisho tries every gimmick in the book to make his restaurant the most successful cat-run business ever! Not only are there French chefs, curry, fortune-tellers and cooking competitions, but Taisho's mother comes to visit and exposes his most embarrassing secret! What other crazy scheme will Taisho cook up next?

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MAY INCLUDE: AGGRESSION

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Taisho
大将
ハイヤード探

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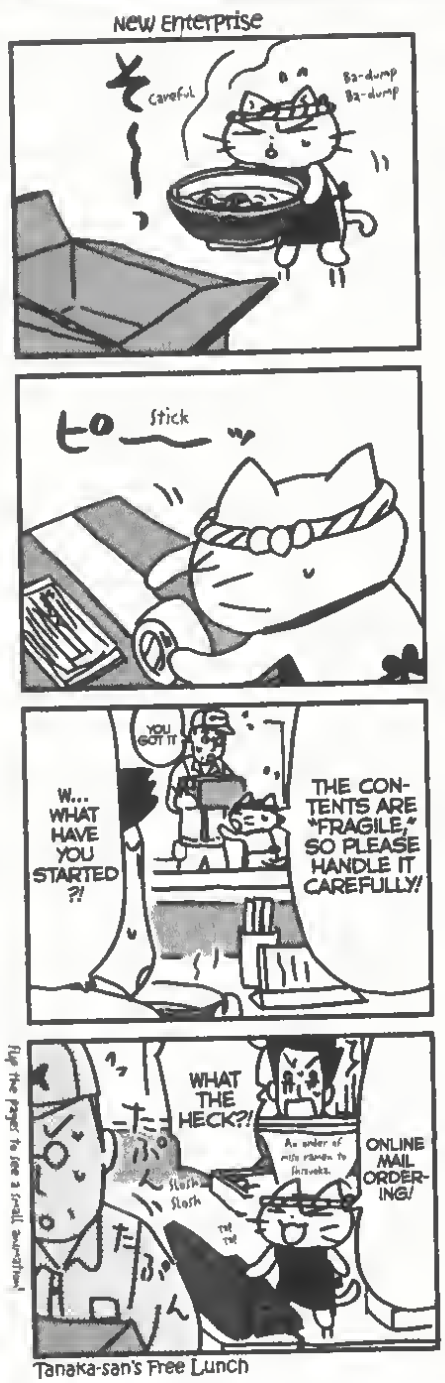
New Enterprise
Careful
Ba-dump Ba-dump
Stick
YOU GOT IT
W... WHAT HAVE YOU STARTED ?!
THE CONTENTS ARE "FRAGILE," SO PLEASE HANDLE IT CAREFULLY!
WHAT THE HECK?!
An order of mile ramen to Shizuoka.
Slosh Slosh Slosh
ONLINE MAIL ORDERING!
Fly the page to see a small surprise!

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Chapter 10

Tanaka-san's Free Lunch

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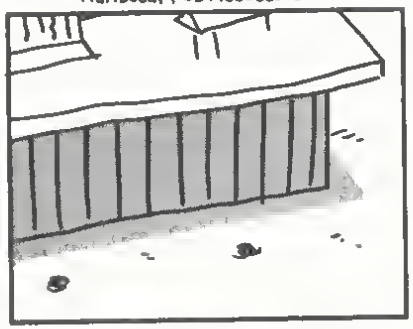

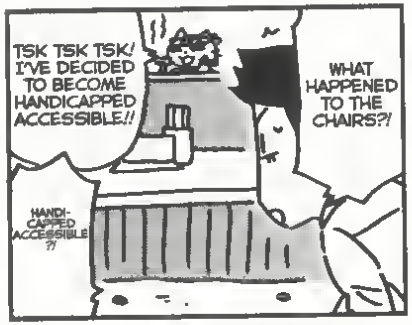

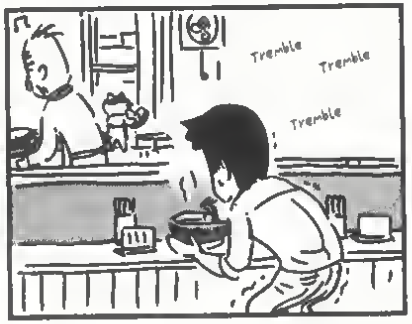

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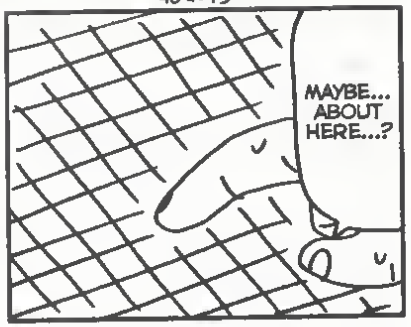

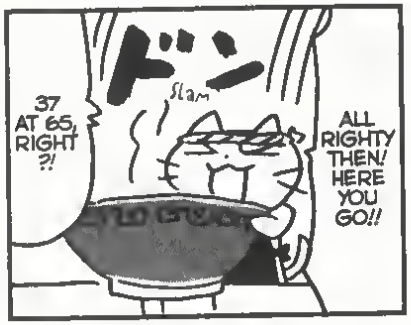

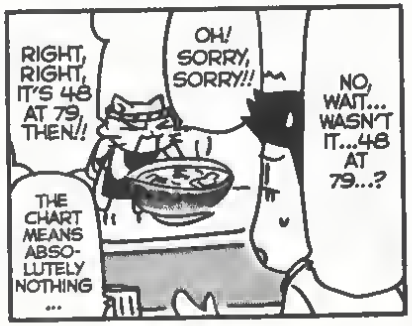

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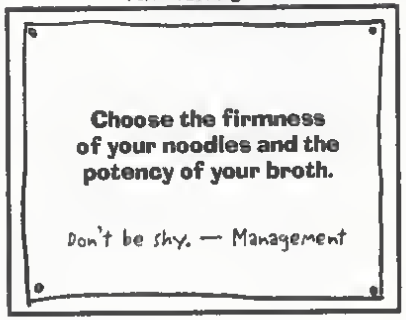

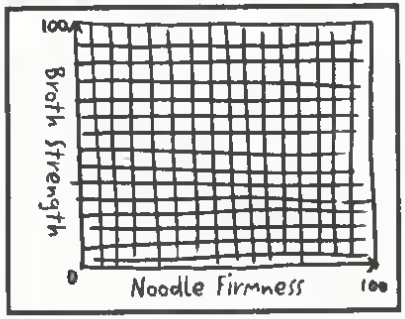

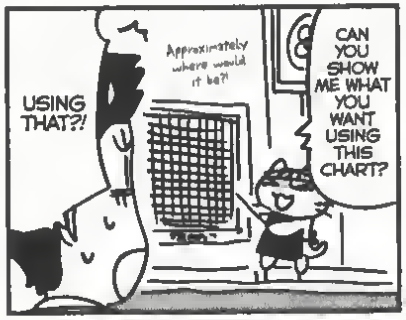

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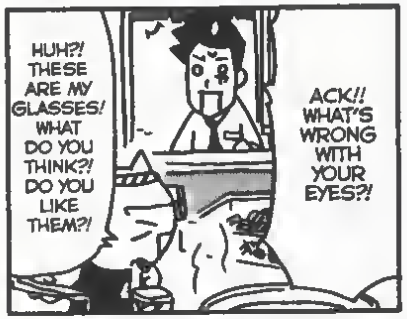

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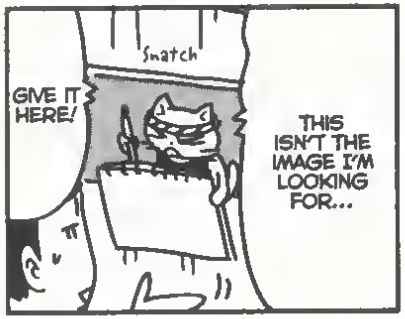

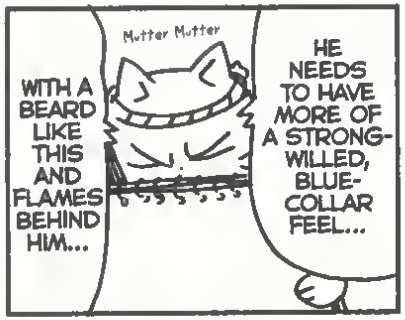

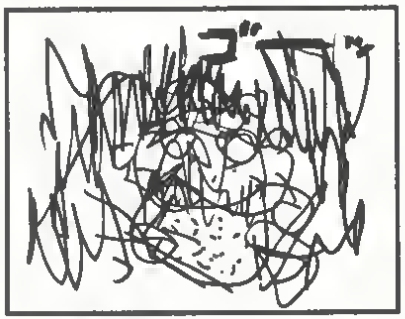

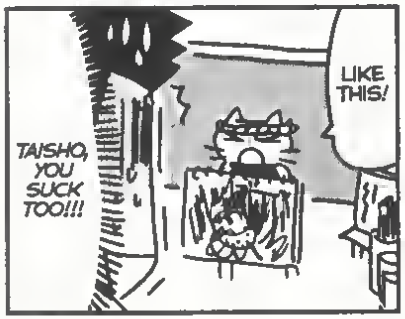

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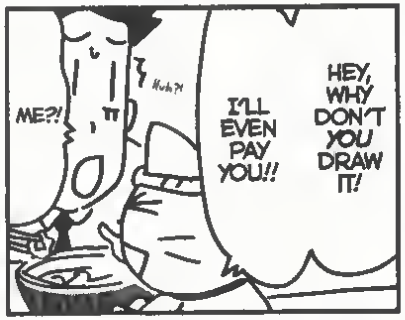

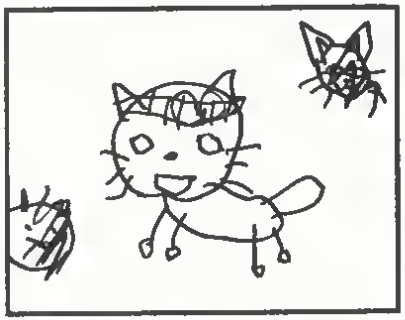

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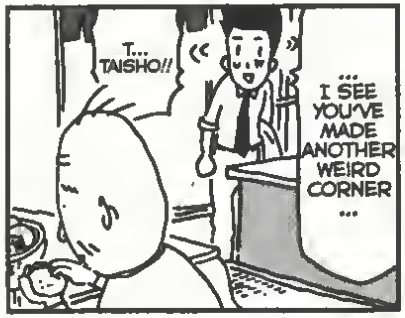

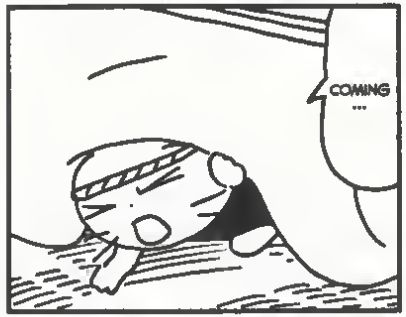

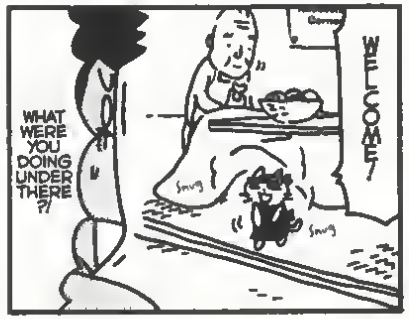

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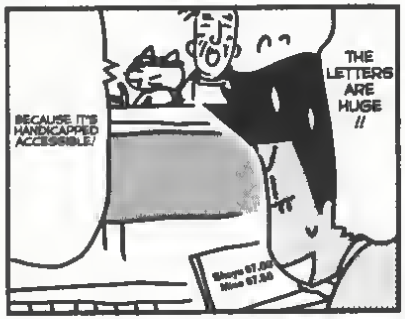
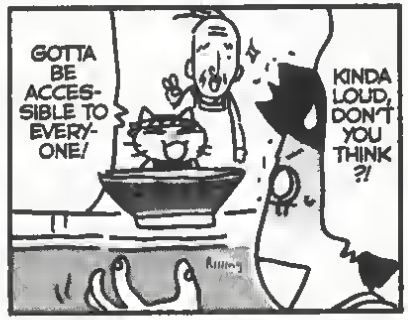




A Mother's Worries

Sigh~
HE SHOULDN'T BE RUNNING A RAMEN SHOP.
MY CHILD HAS A LONG AND DISTIN-GUISHED PEDIGREE.
I WANT TO HURRY UP AND SEE MY GRAND-CHILDREN.
HE SHOULD AT LEAST GET MARRIED.
Y-YES THEY DO...
DON'T YOU THINK THESE LOOK LIKE VERY NICE GIRLS?
HUH?! ME?! I'M DOING JUST FINE!!
YOU THINK SO? I COULD FIX YOU UP, TOO!

Just Your Type

...IS A LOT LIKE YOU ...
THIS GIRL HERE ...
I DON'T CARE!
TAISHO, YOU'RE AN AMERICAN SHORTHAIR ?!
AN AMERICAN SHORT-HAIR!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT!
THAT'S A DOG !!
Tremble Tremble
WELL THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS GIRL...?

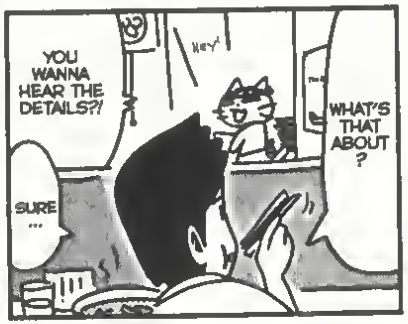
Formal Name

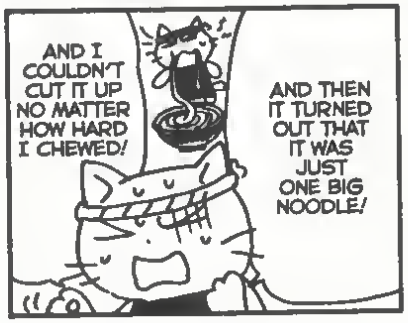
YEAH... MY FORMAL NAME IS WILLIAM THOMAS JEFFER-SON III.
TAISHO, YOUR NAME IS WILLIAM?!
IT'S ALL DUE TO BLOOD-LINE AND PEDIGREE, THAT'S ALL!!
WHAT EVER.
WOW ...
AH, OF COURSE, OF COURSE !!
Her formal name is Margaret Victoria Rose
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, WHY ARE YOU HERE, MOM?!
AN ARRANG-ED MAR-RIAGE ?!
NO!!
Have a Look!
THIS GIRL IS A GEM.

William

HUH ?!
HEY TAISHO! ARE YOU SERVING LUNCH YET?!
WILLIAM! YOU HAVE A CUSTOMER !
WHY?! IT'S YOUR NAME!
MOM!! I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL ME WILLIAM IN THE SHOP!!
AGCK !!
ギ Jump
You're such a strange child
MOM?! WILLIAM ?!

Dream Ramen





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Chapter 11

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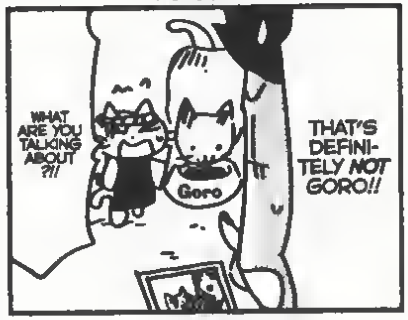
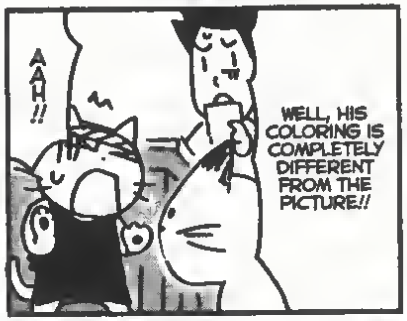
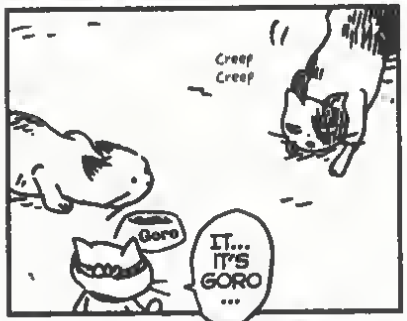
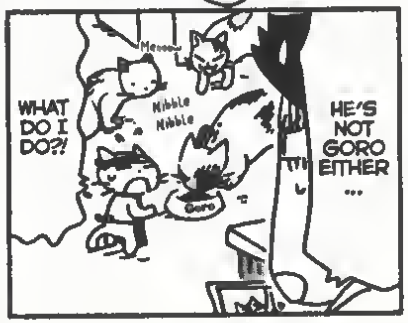
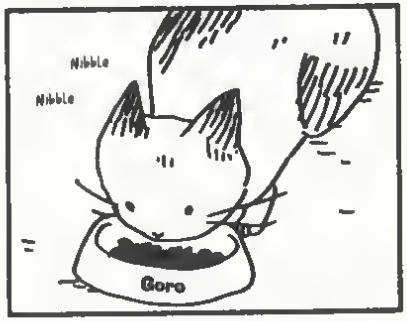








Loose pets



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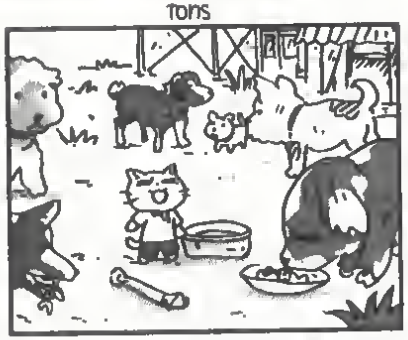

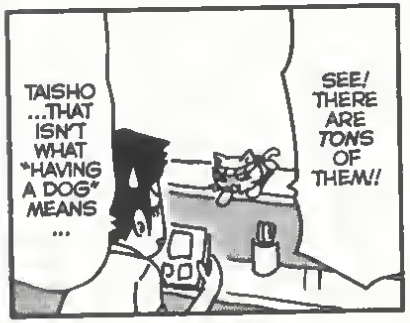

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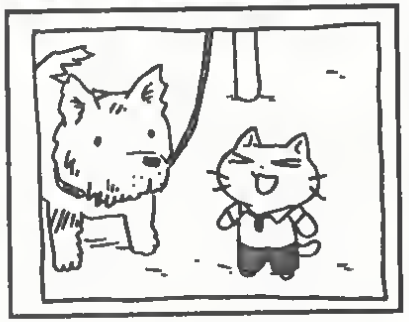

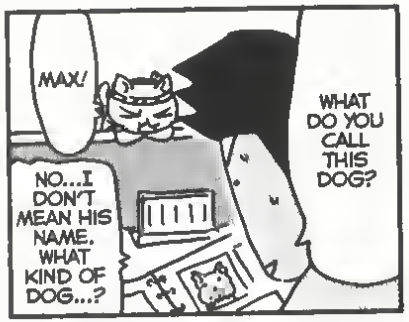

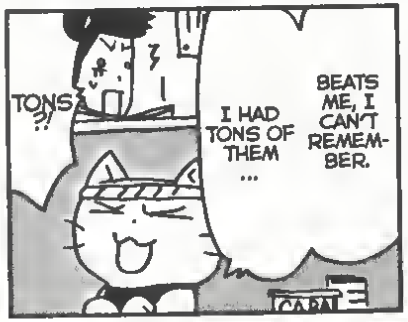

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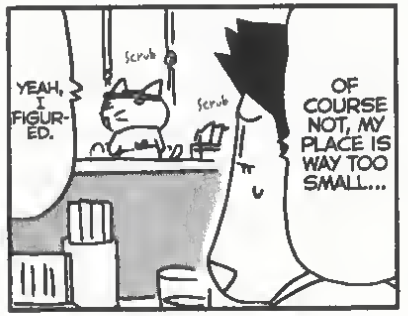
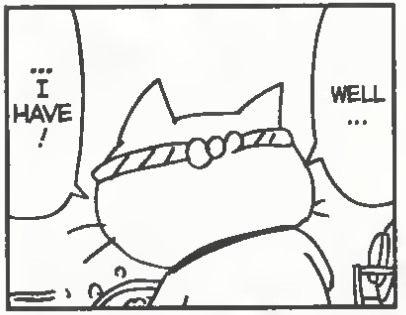
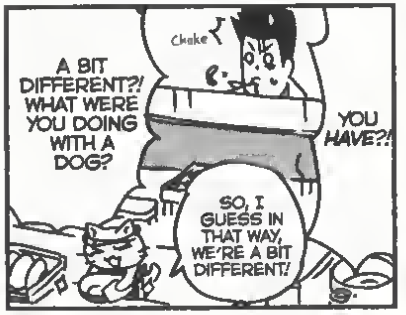






Similar

Très Bien

Why?

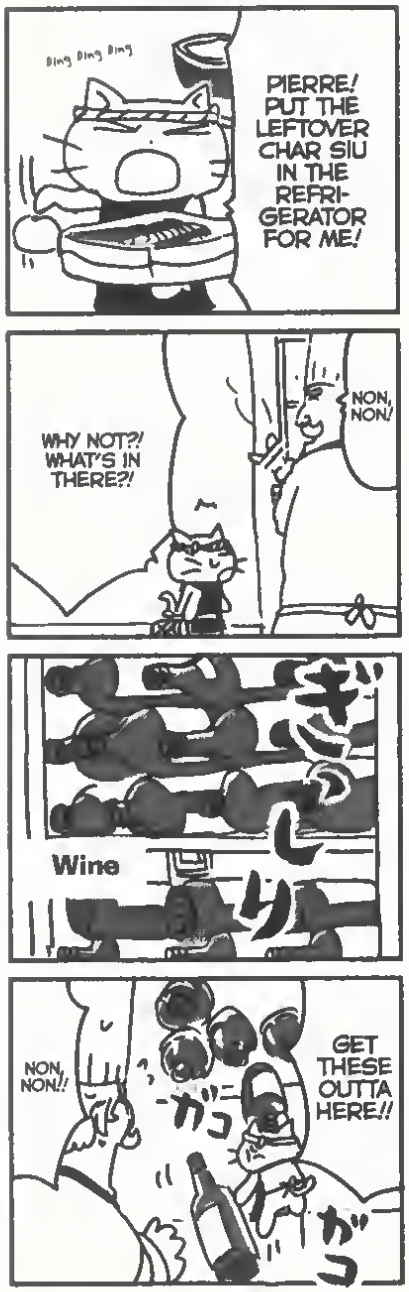
Bonjour.
THIS IS PIERRE-SAN. HE USED TO BE THE HEAD CHEF AT A FRENCH RESTAURANT.
Blah blah blah Pierre blah blah
Shake
がし
N... NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M NOT REALLY SURE BUT ...
WHY ON EARTH IS HE WORKING HERE?!
THEN WHY'D YOU HIRE HIM?
... I THINK HE'S HERE TO STEAL MY RAMEN RECIPES!

Table Setting

Ramen Fortune Telling

... RAMEN FORTUNE TELLING?
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ...
I JUST CAME UP WITH IT THE OTHER DAY...
WHAT? NO, I'VE NEVER HEARD OF IT...
M... MISO RAMEN ...
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE FLAVOR OF RAMEN?!
THEN I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT...
GREAT. I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
MISO RAMEN, HUH...OH! TODAY'S A LUCKY DAY FOR YOU! IT SAYS, "HAVE THE COURAGE TO CONFESS!"

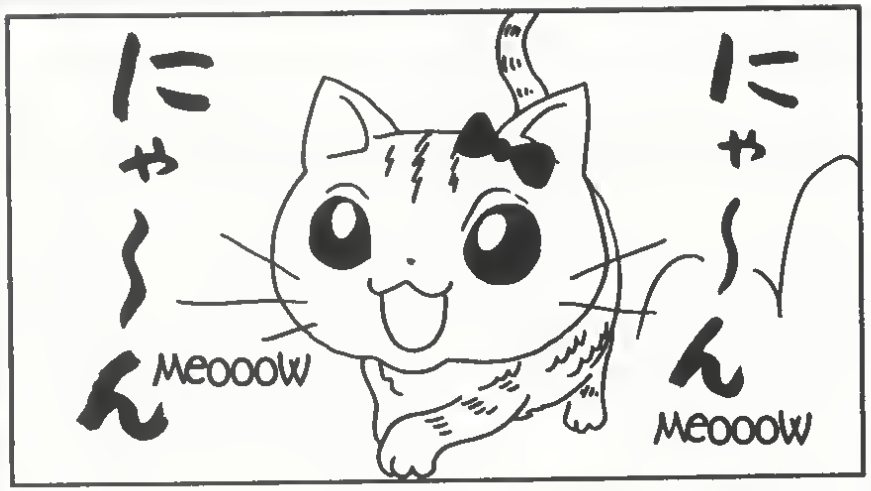
Not Fitting In

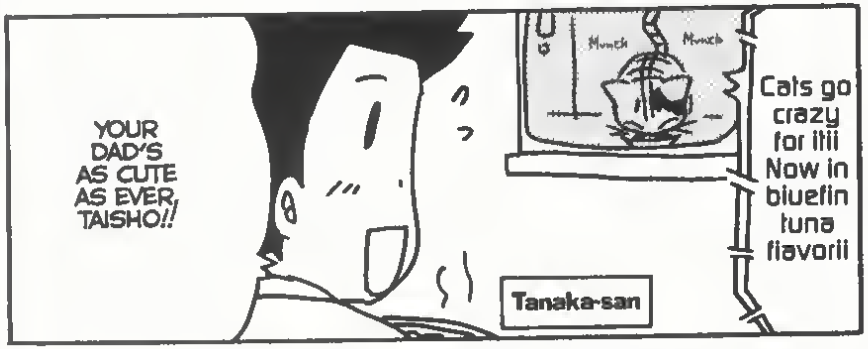

Ding Ding Ding
PIERRE! PUT THE LEFTOVER CHAR SIU IN THE REFRI-GERATOR FOR ME!
WHY NOT?! WHAT'S IN THERE?!
NON, NON!
Wine
NON, NON!!
GET THESE OUTTA HERE!!

Non, Non

Changes

Menu





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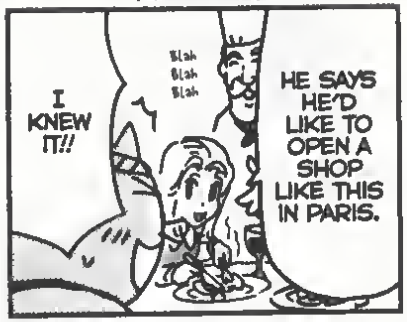

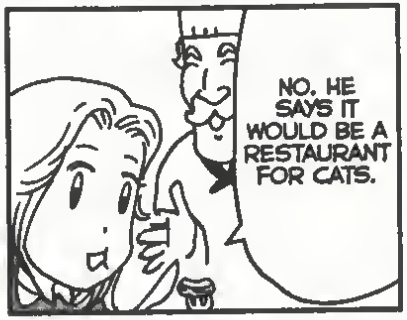

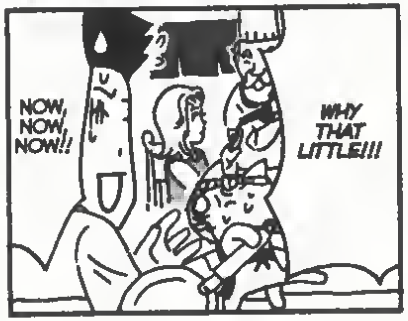

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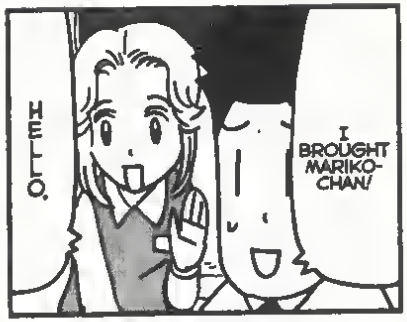

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Short Comic Special

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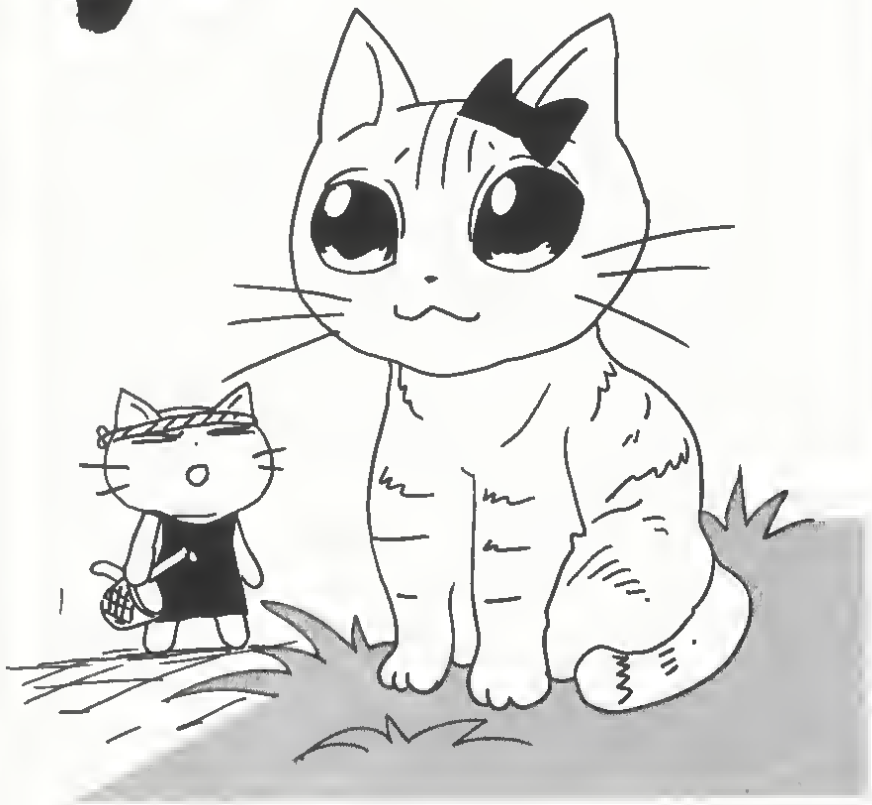
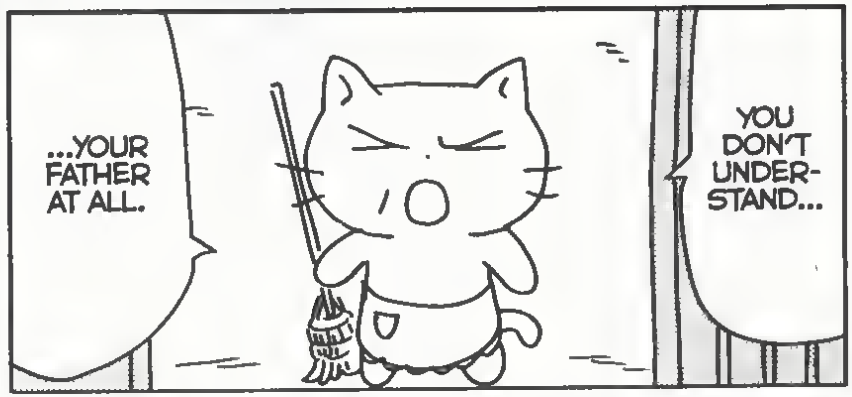
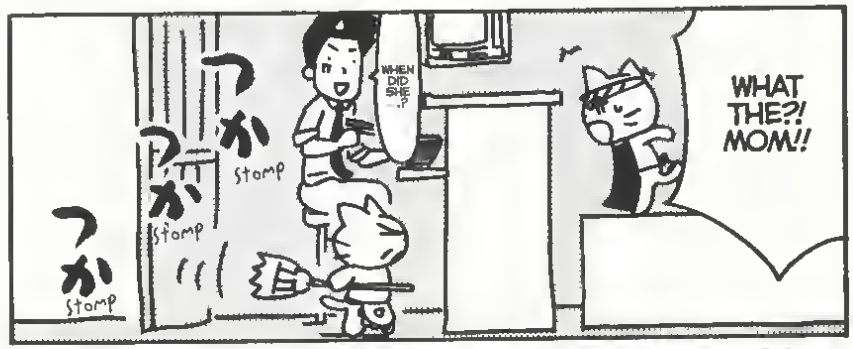
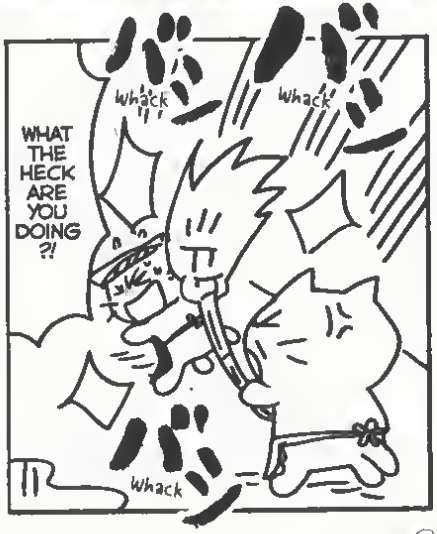
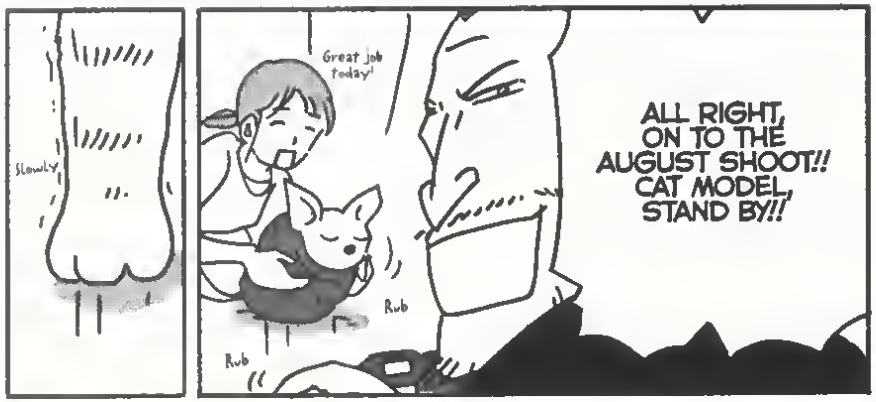


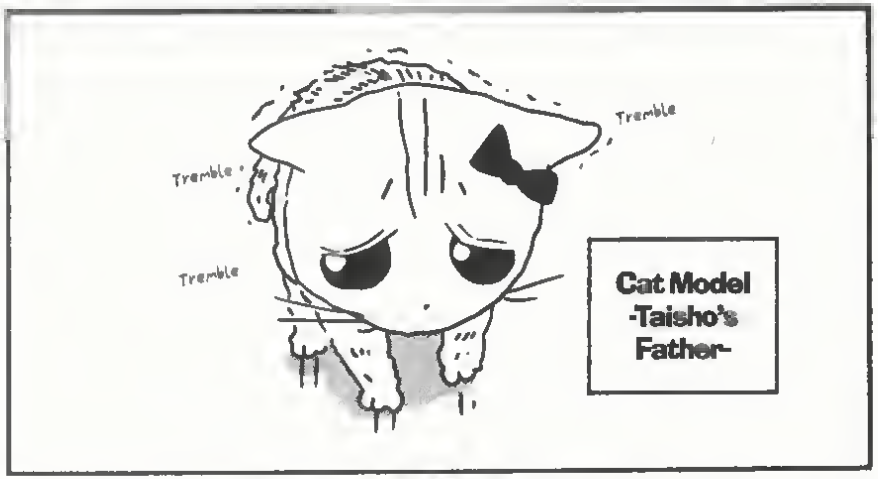
Father








Slowly...
Great job today!
Rub
Rub
ALL RIGHT, ON TO THE AUGUST SHOOT!! CAT MODEL, STAND BY!!


Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Cat Model -Taisho's Father-

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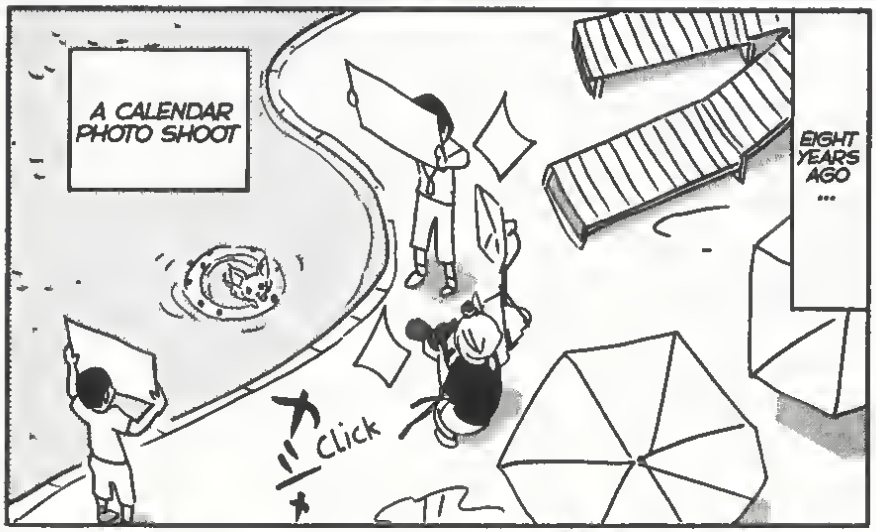
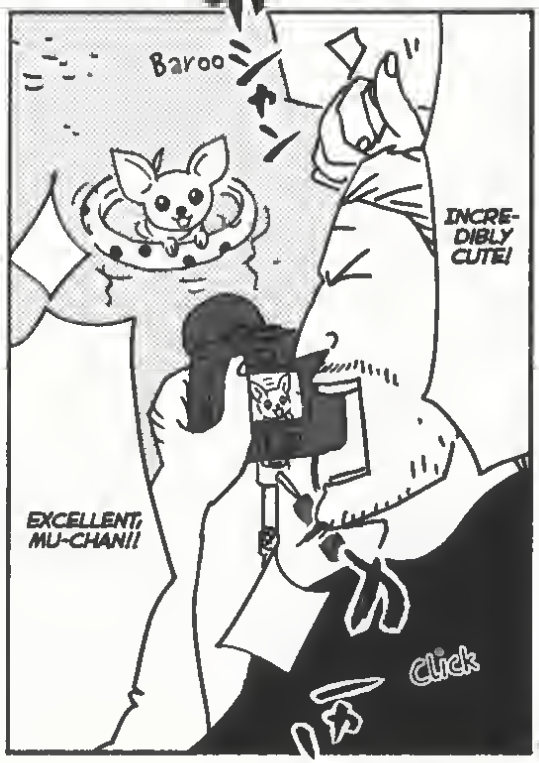
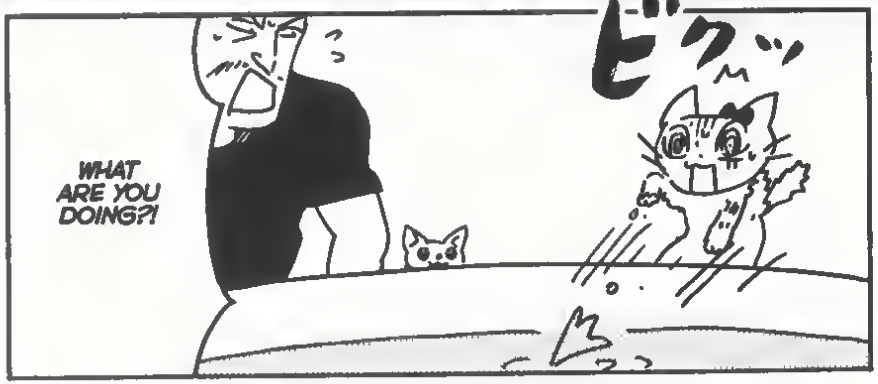
Splash ポチャン
ALL RIGHT, HOP ON THIS!


A CALENDAR PHOTO SHOOT
EIGHT YEARS AGO...
Click カシャン

PER-FECT AS ALWAYS, MU-CHAN!!
OKAY, THAT'S A WRAP!!
Shake
Shake
Shake


Baroo カシャン
INCRE-DIBLY CUTE!
EXCELLENT, MU-CHAN!!
Click


WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
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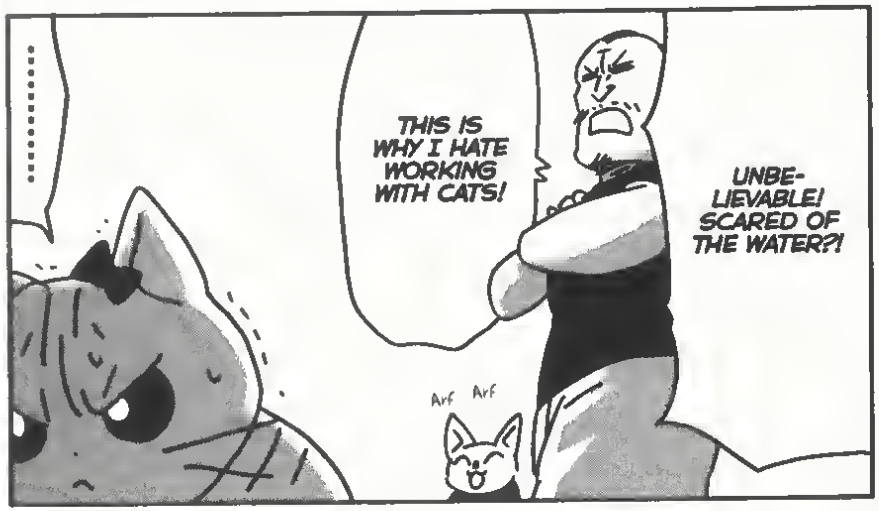
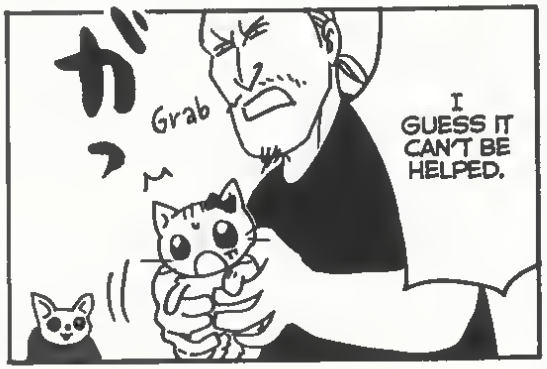

THIS IS WHY I HATE WORKING WITH CATS!
UNBE-LIEVABLE! SCARED OF THE WATER?!
Arf Arf

HUP!!


Grab
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

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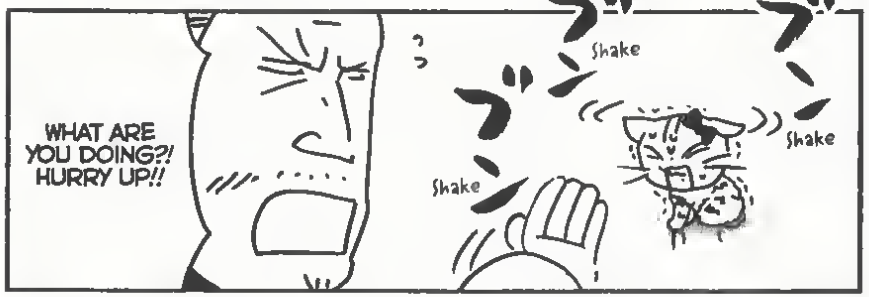
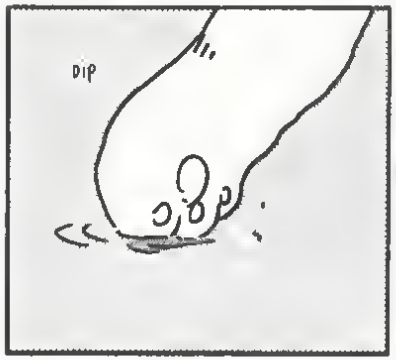
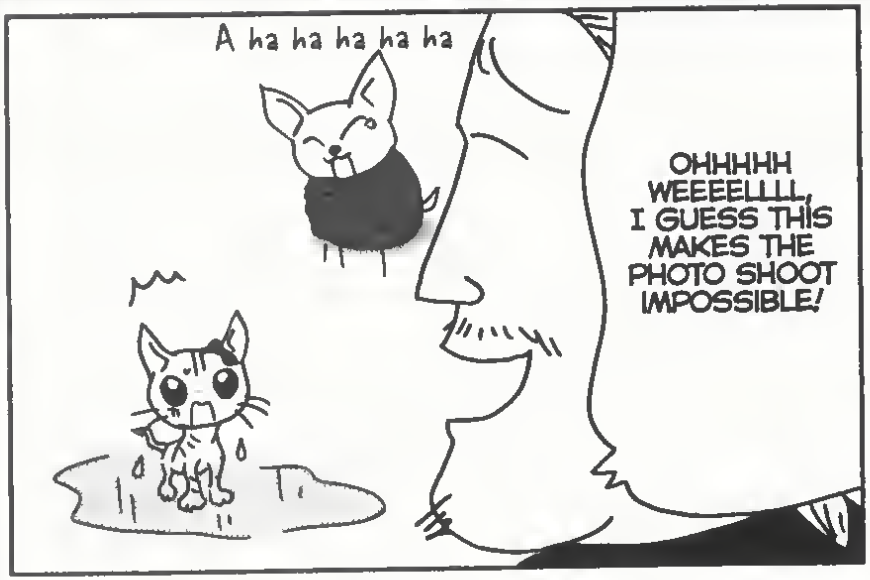
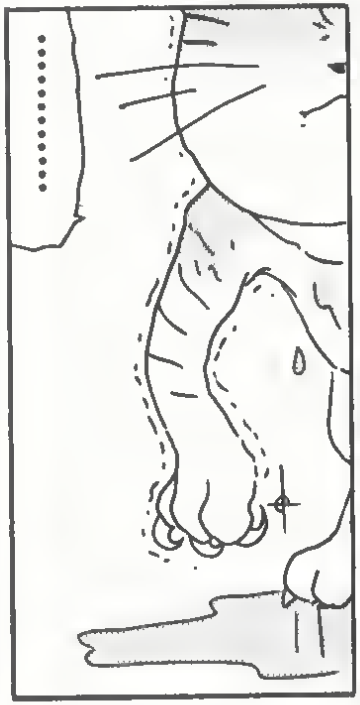

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY UP!!
Shake
Shake
Shake


DIP

Slowly


A ha ha ha ha ha
OHHHHH WEEEELLLL, I GUESS THIS MAKES THE PHOTO SHOOT IMPOSSIBLE!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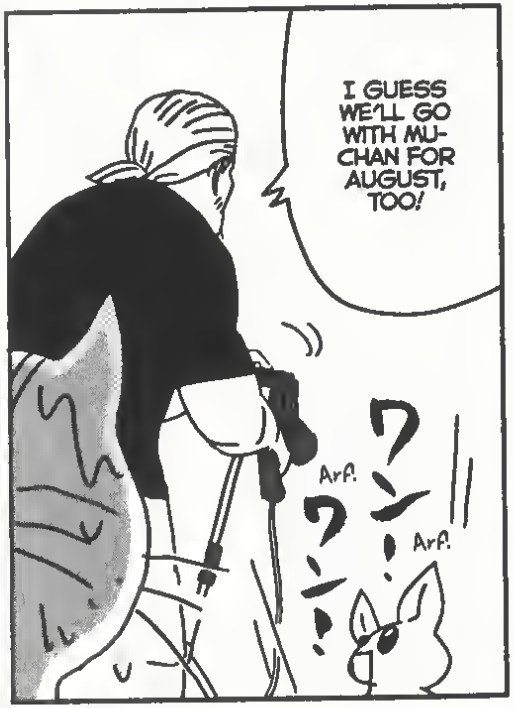
I GUESS WE'LL GO WITH MU-CHAN FOR AUGUST, TOO!
Arf.
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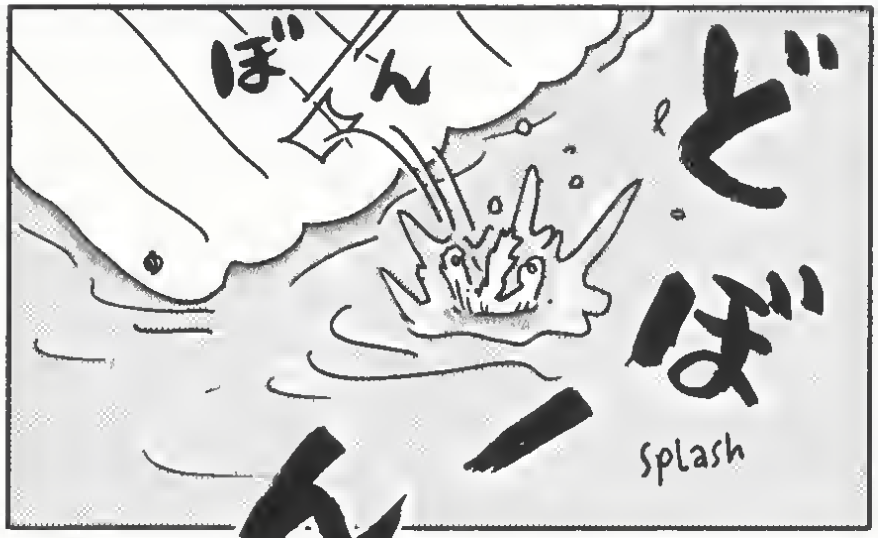
ワン!
Arf.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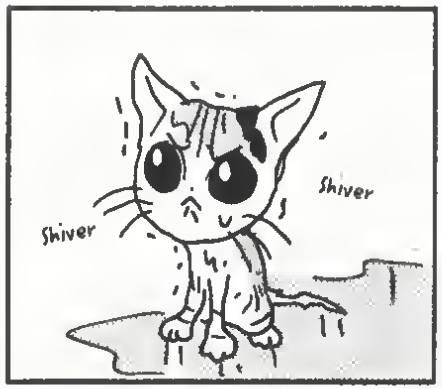
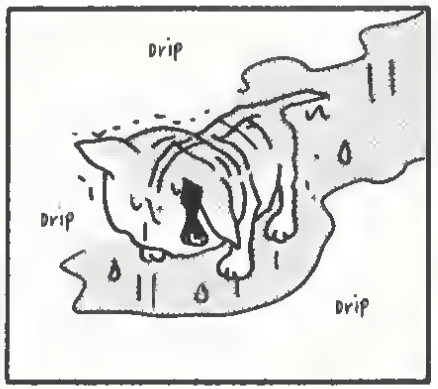
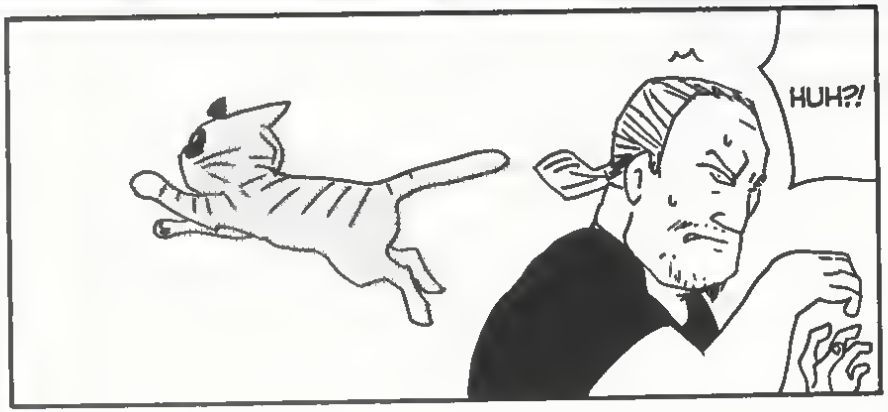
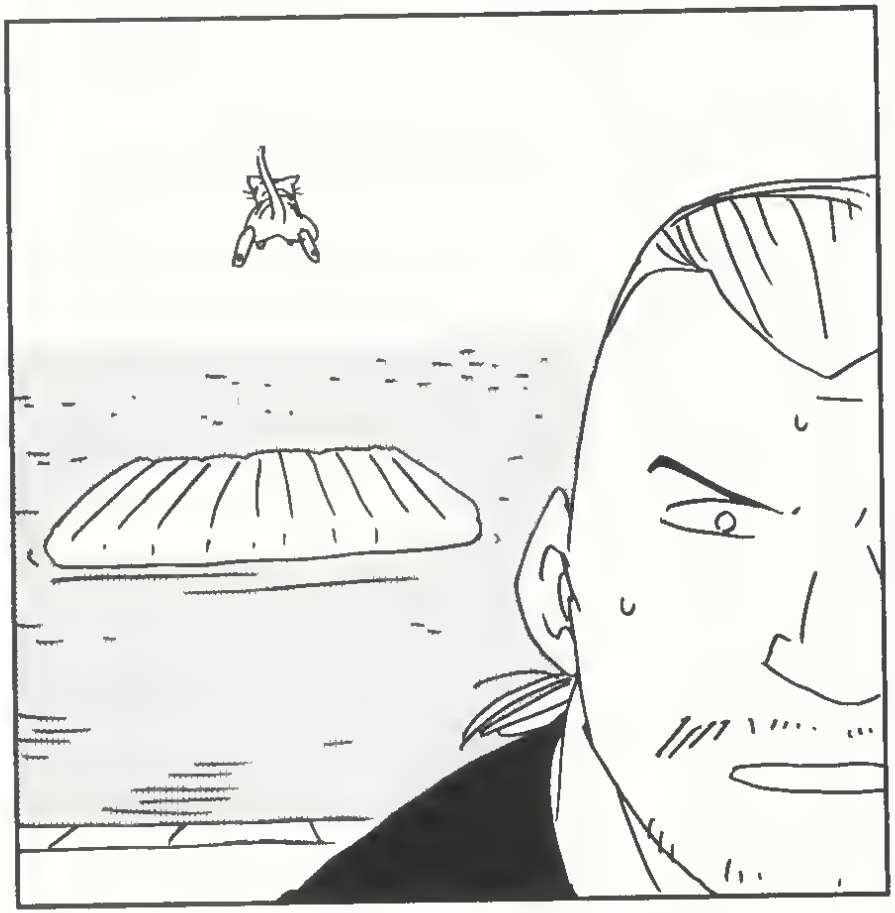
どばーん
Splash

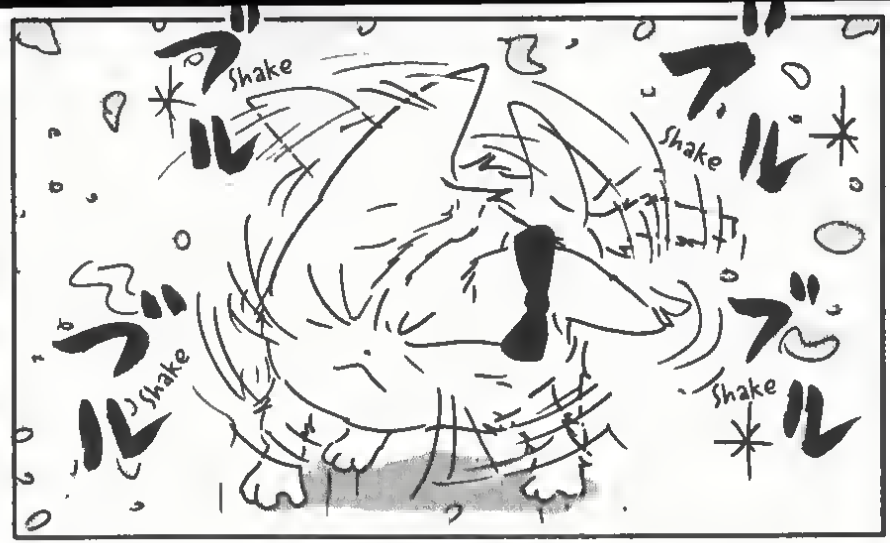
WIDDLE KITTY, YOU ALL RIGHT ?!!
Ahahaha
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!
Panic
じたばた
AGYAAAH!!


Shiver
Shiver

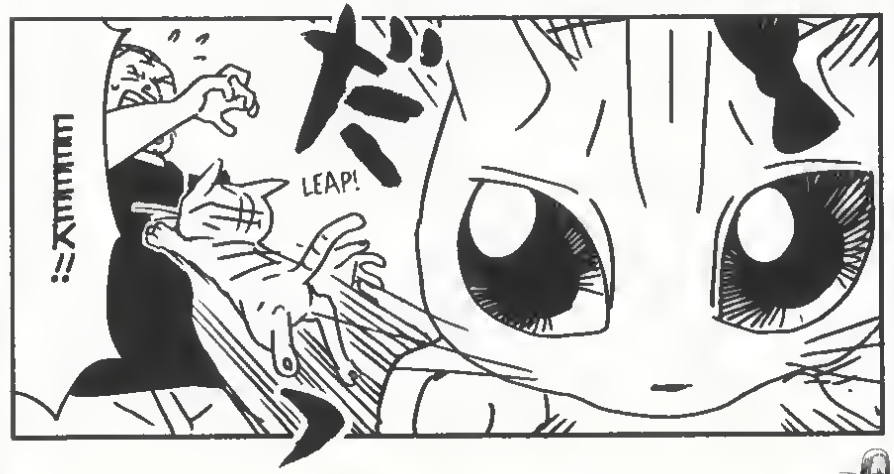

Drip
Drip
Drip

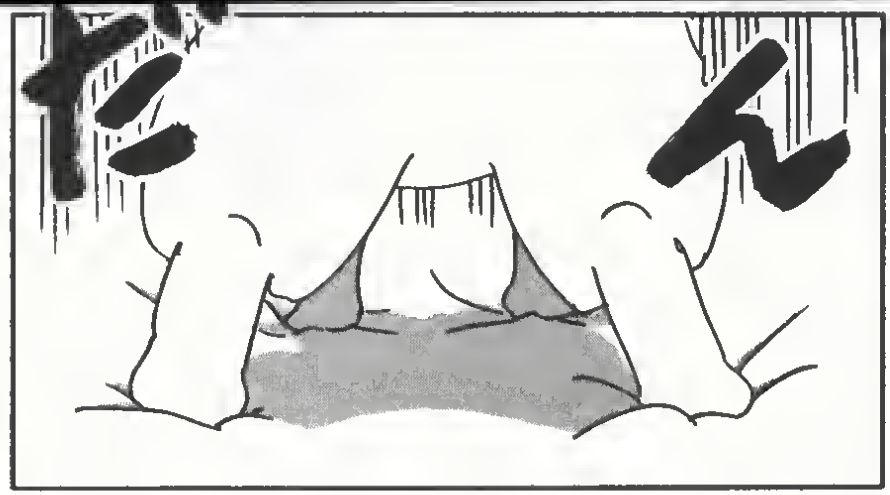

HUH?!

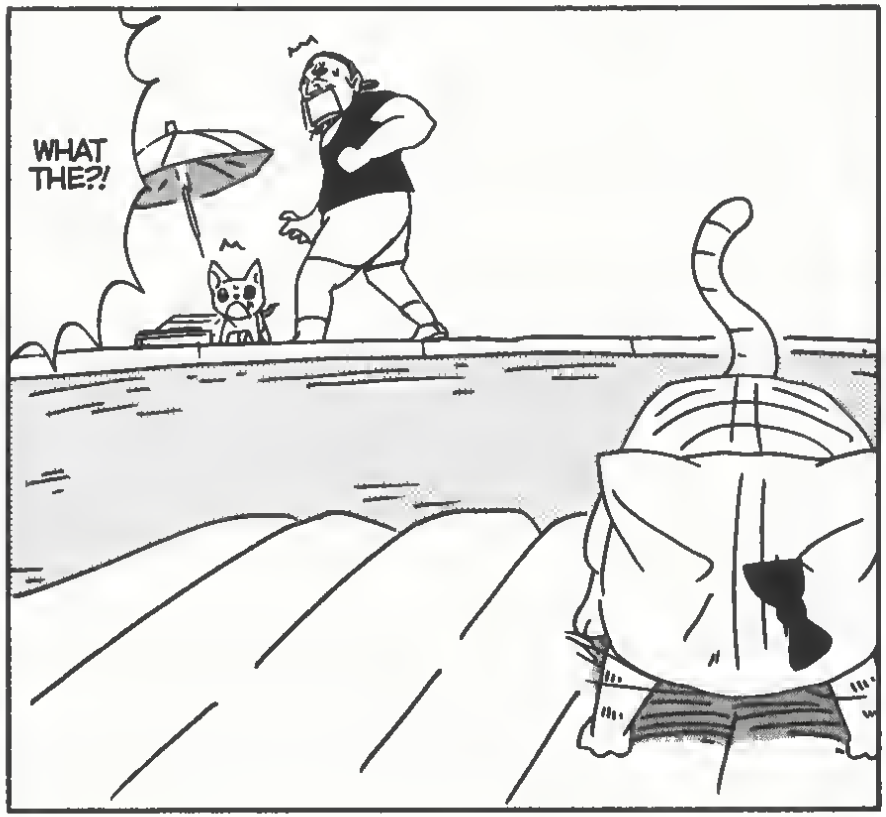


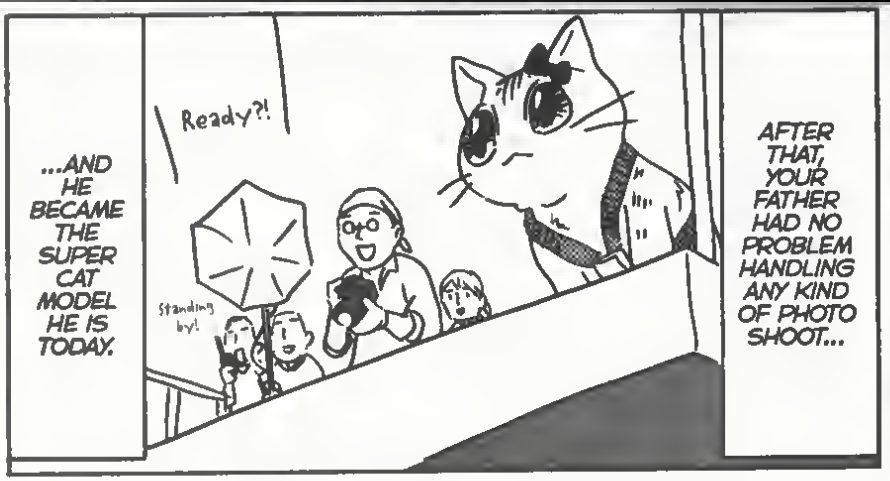

Shake
Shake
Shake
Shake

Crouch
WHAT?!


LEAP!




WHAT THE?!


...AND HE BECAME THE SUPER CAT MODEL HE IS TODAY.
Ready?!
Standing by!
AFTER THAT, YOUR FATHER HAD NO PROBLEM HANDLING ANY KIND OF PHOTO SHOOT...

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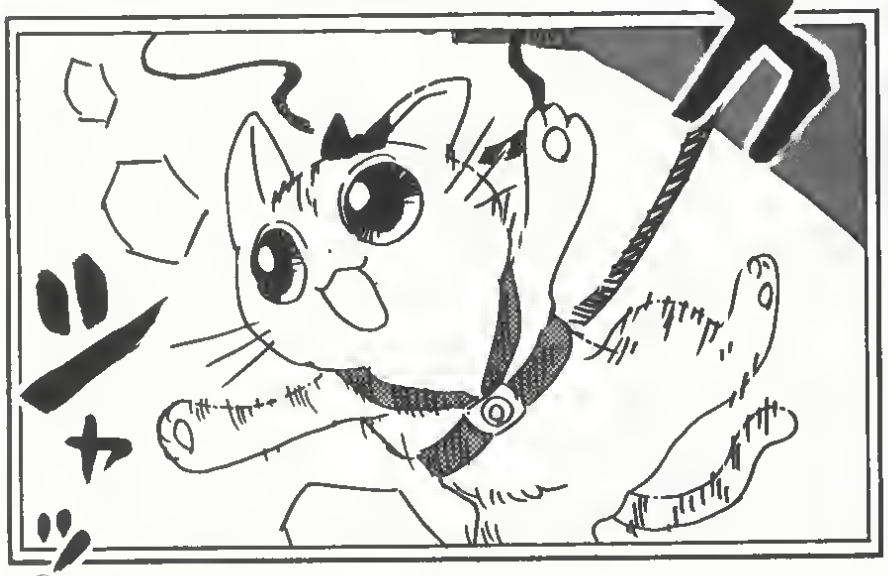
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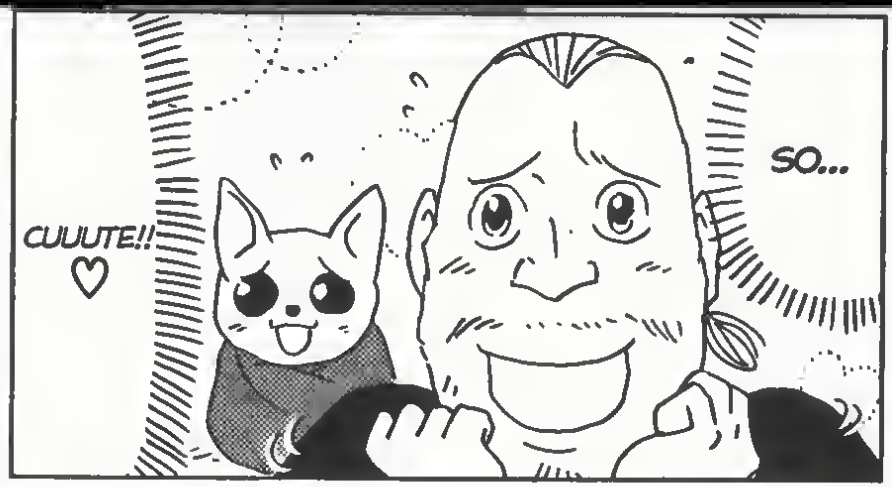
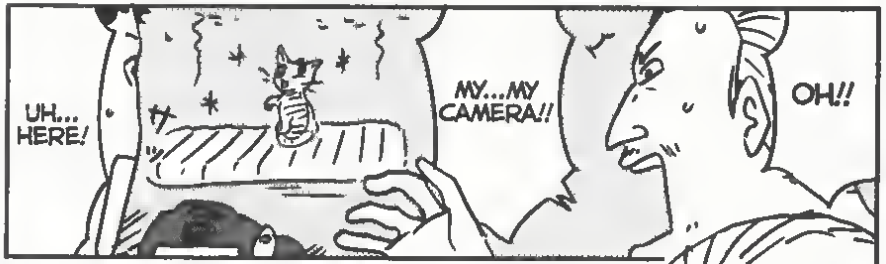

CUUUTE!!
SO...


UH... HERE!
MY...MY CAMERA!!
OH!!

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click
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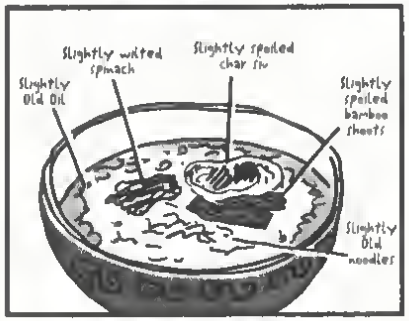

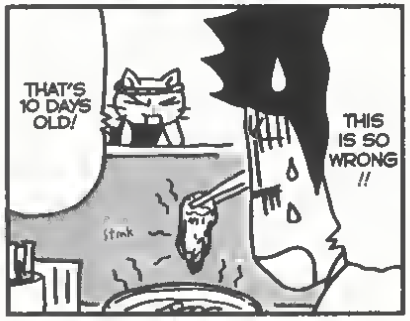

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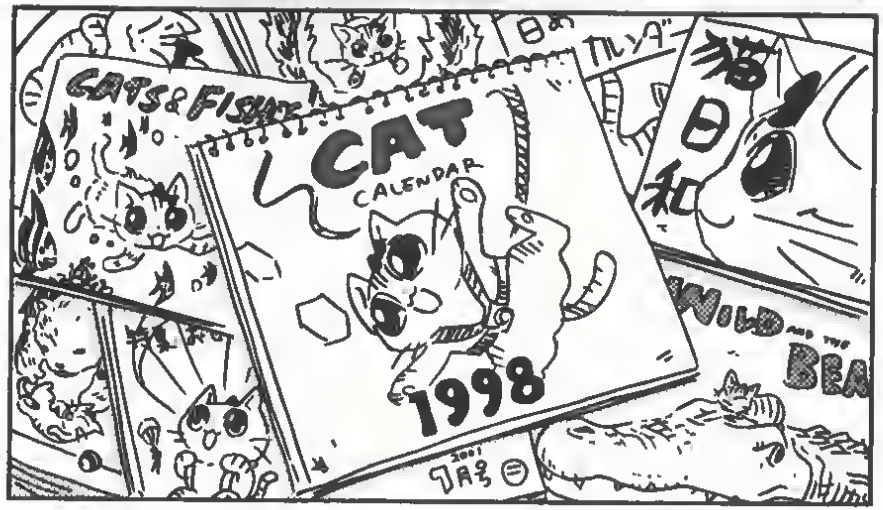

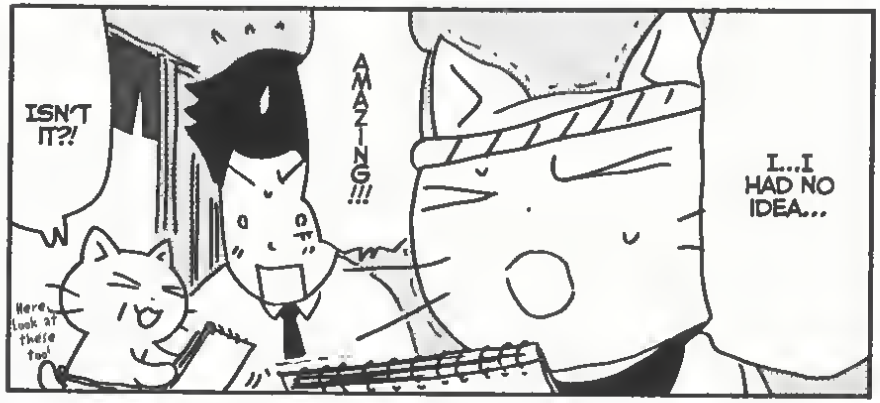

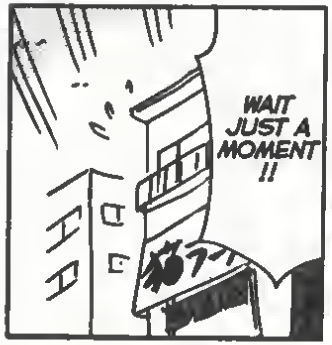

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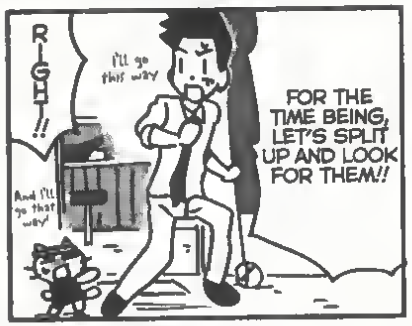

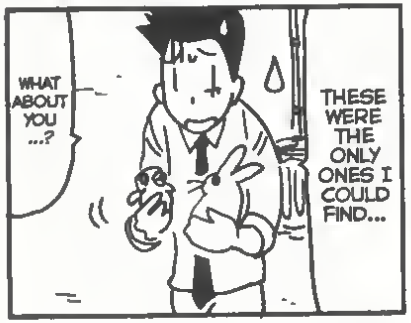

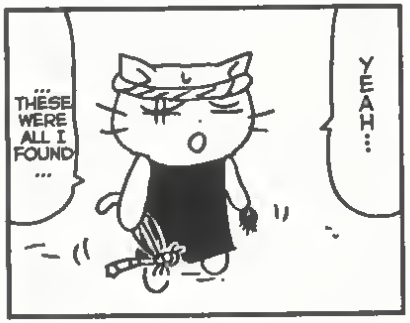

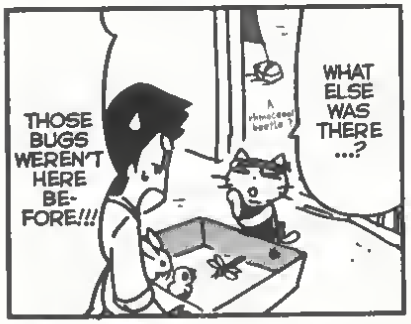

Get Them Out

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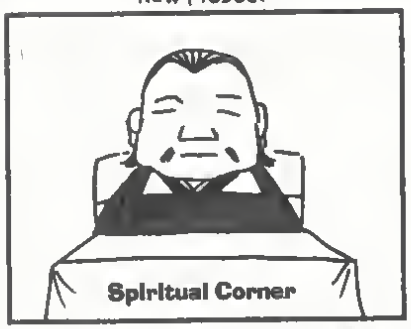
Rustle
Rustle
Peep
Peep
Peep

New Product



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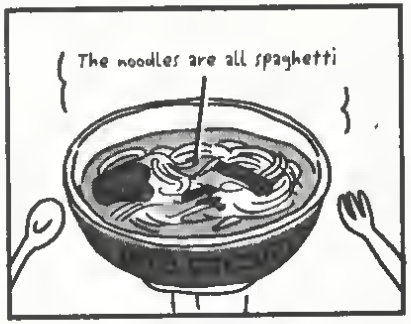
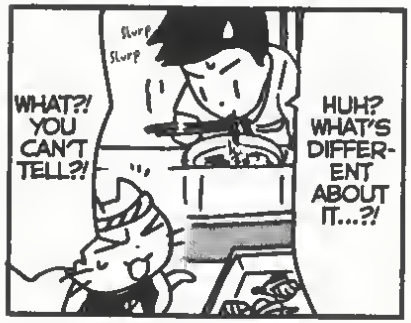
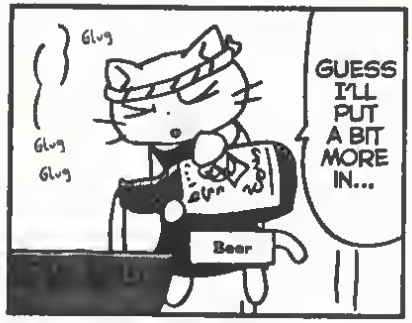
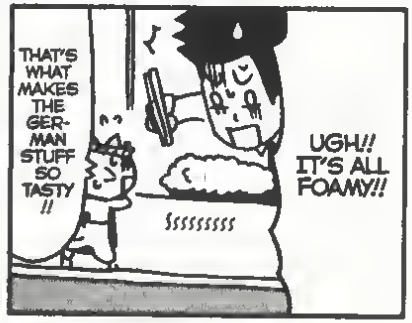


German Ramen







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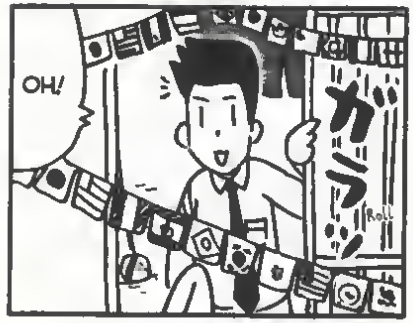

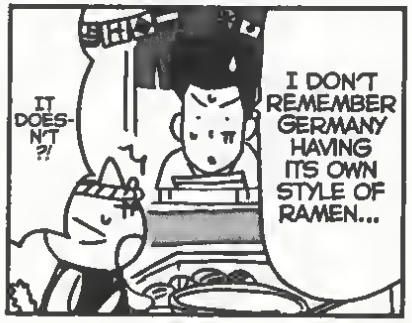

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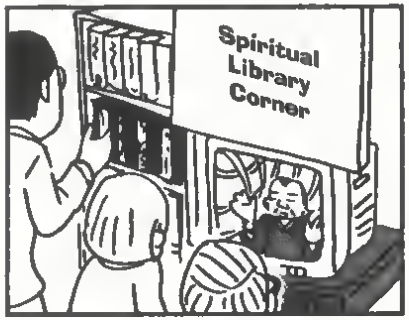
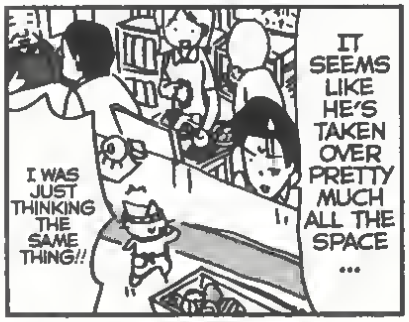
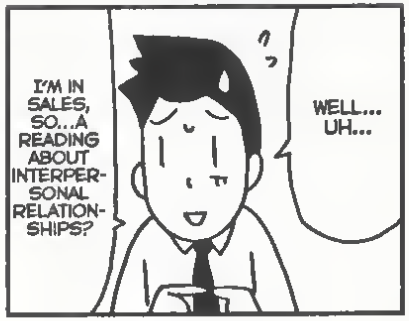
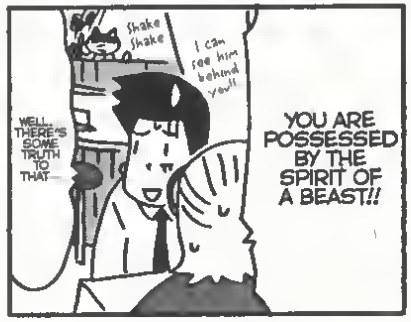
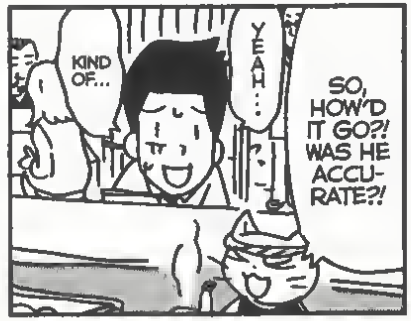




Accurate?!







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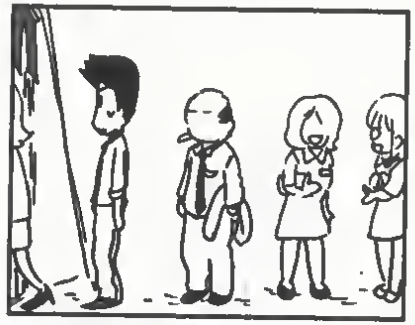

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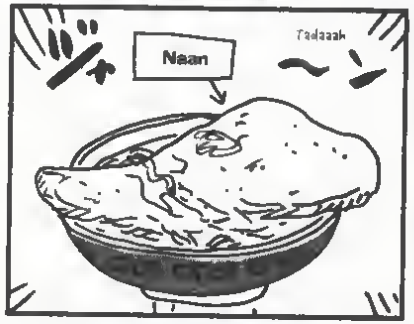

Short Comic Special

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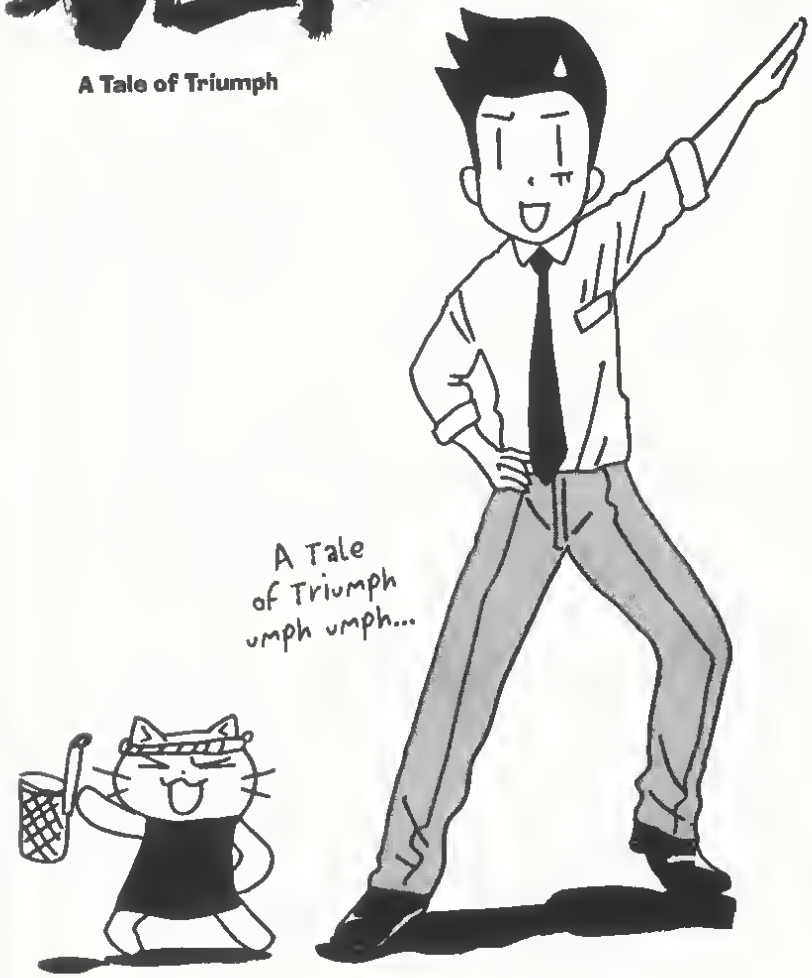
A Tale of Triumph



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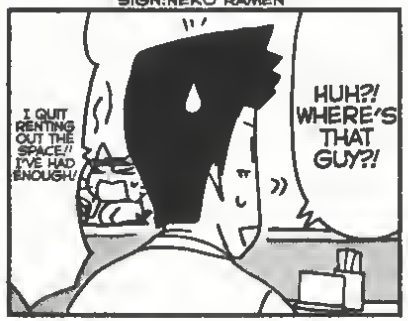

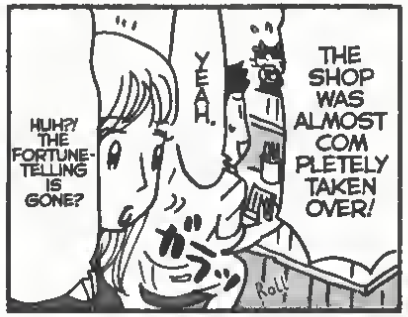

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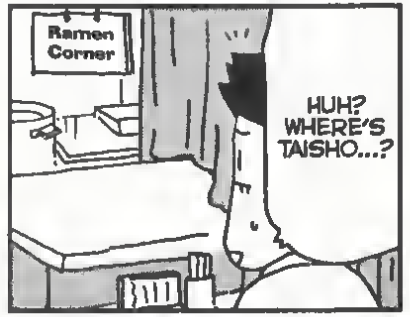
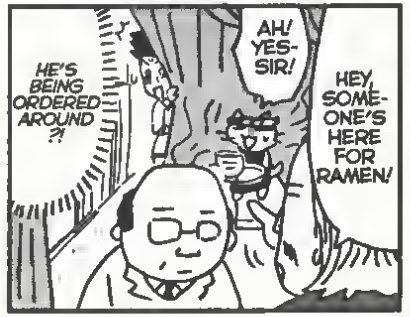
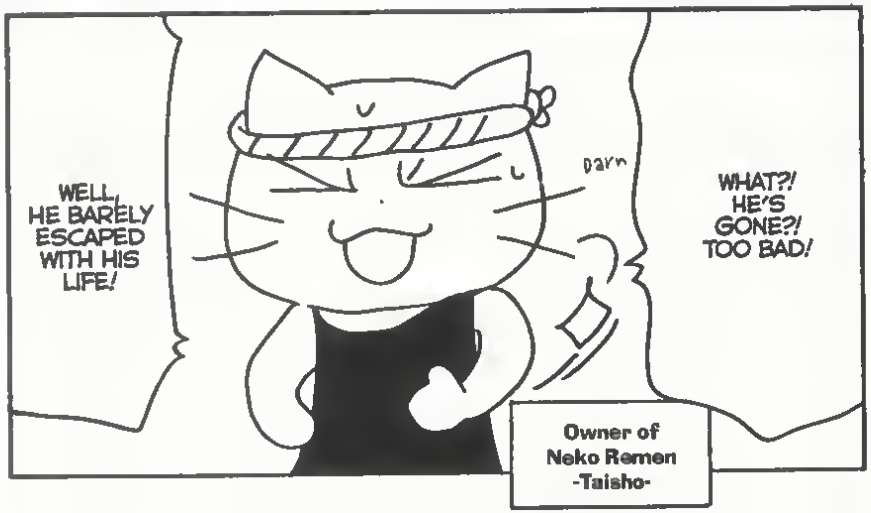
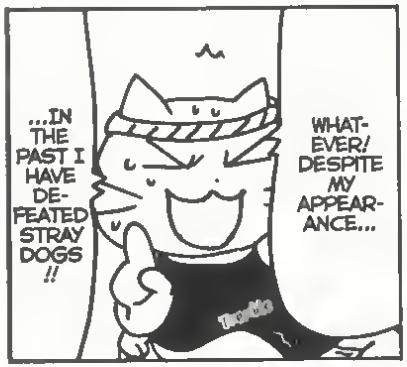


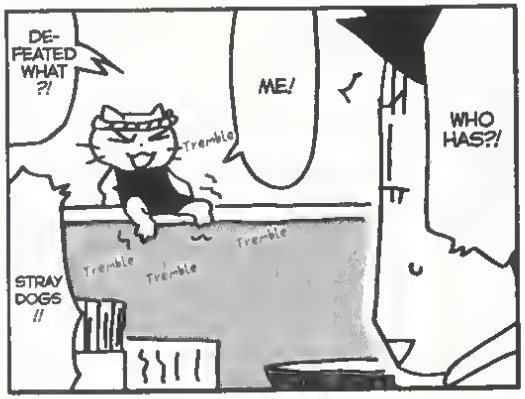


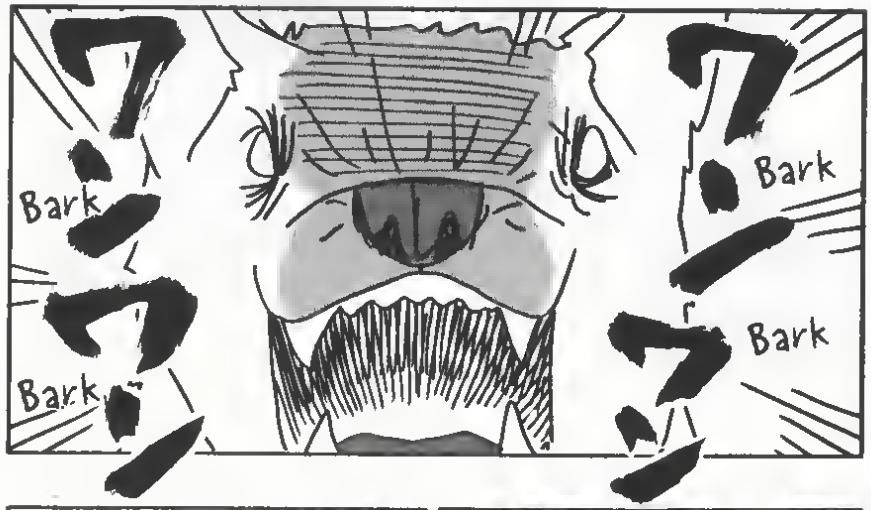

WELL, HE BARELY ESCAPED WITH HIS LIFE!
Darn
WHAT?! HE'S GONE?! TOO BAD!
Owner of Neko Remen -Taisho-

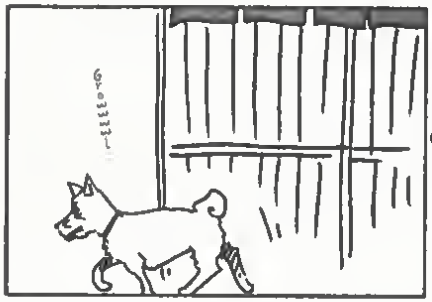

...IN THE PAST I HAVE DE-FEATED STRAY DOGS !!
WHAT-EVER! DESPITE MY APPEAR-ANCE...

LAUGHING SO HARD YOUR KNEES ARE GIVING OUT, I SEE?
Wa ha ha ha ha
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble

LIAR!!
AND WHAT'S MORE, THERE WERE THREE OF THEM !!


DE-FEATED WHAT ?!
ME!
WHO HAS?!
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble
STRAY DOGS !!


Bark
Bark
Bark
Bark



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Bark
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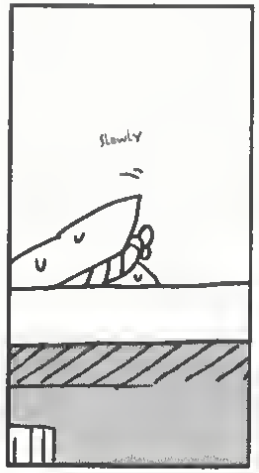
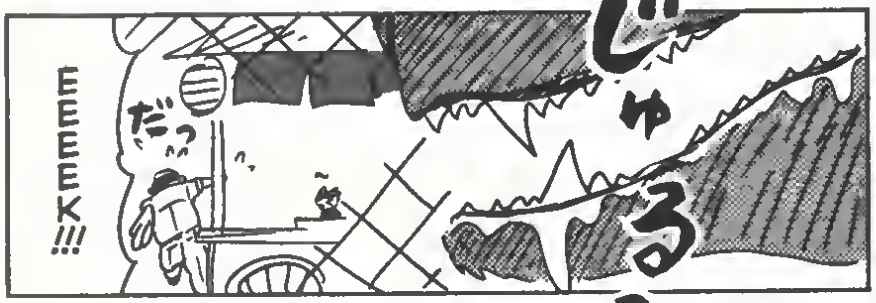
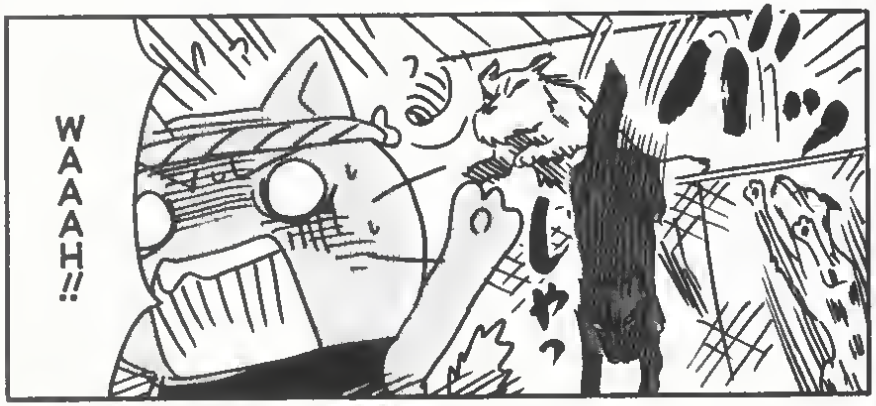
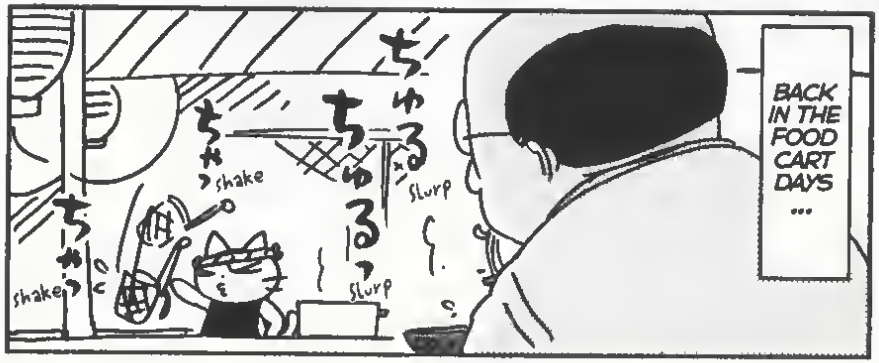

Slowly

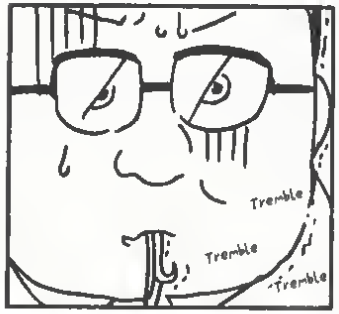
Tanaka-san
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S FINALLY GONE...

Three Stray Dogs Gang

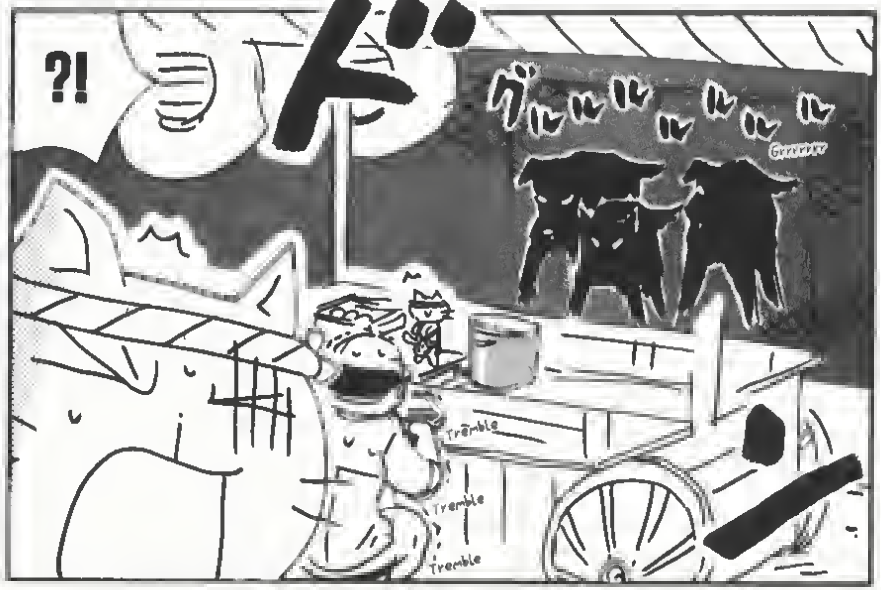

EEEK!!!

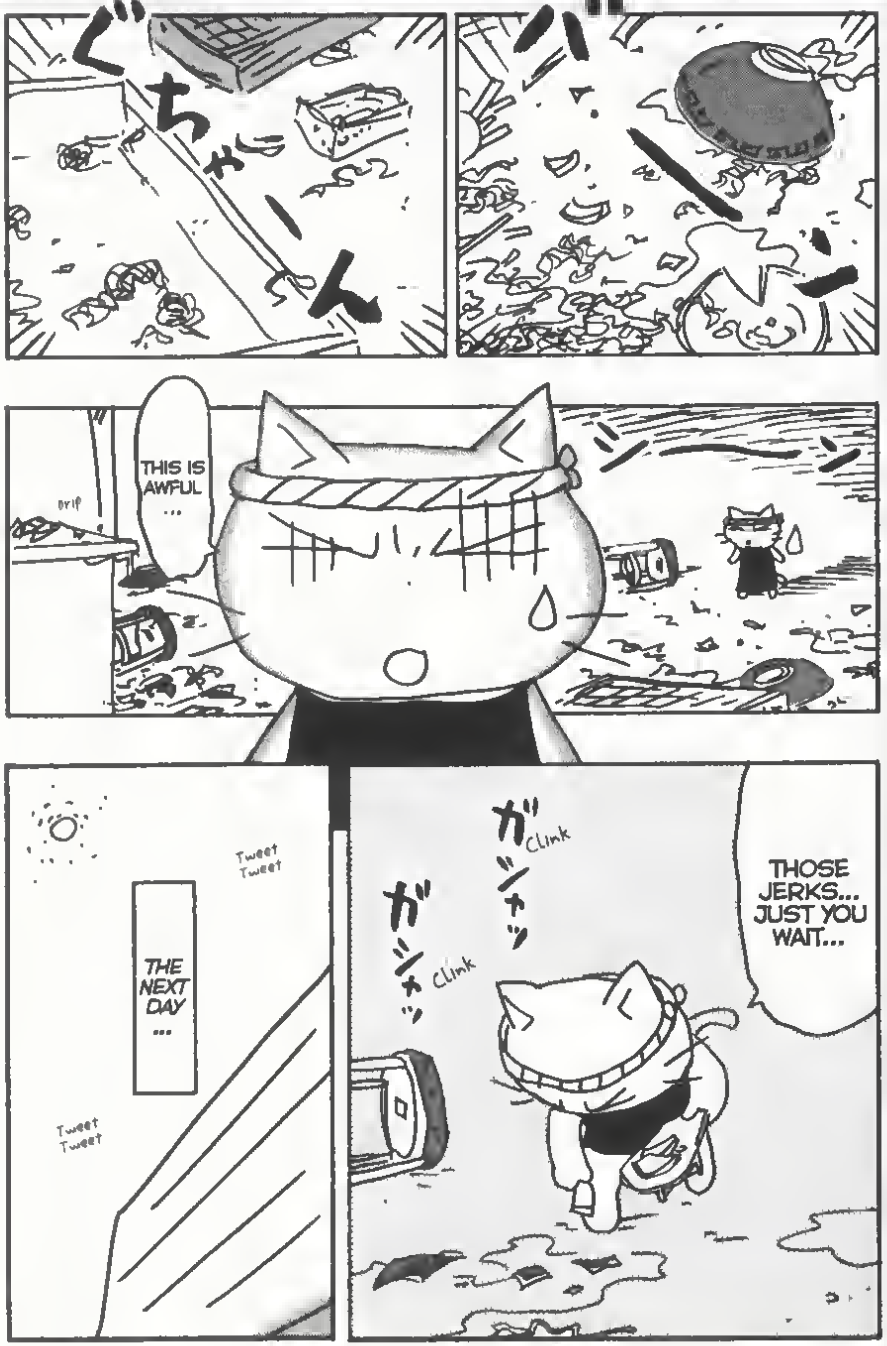

WAAAH!!


BACK IN THE FOOD CART DAYS ...
shake
shake
shake
Slurp
Slurp


Tremble
Tremble
Tremble

Freeze


?!
Grrrrrr
Tremble
Tremble
Tremble


ぐちゃーん
ハー
THIS IS AWFUL ...
drip
THOSE JERKS... JUST YOU WAIT...
ガシャッ Clink
ガシャッ Clink
THE NEXT DAY ...
Tweet Tweet
Tweet Tweet

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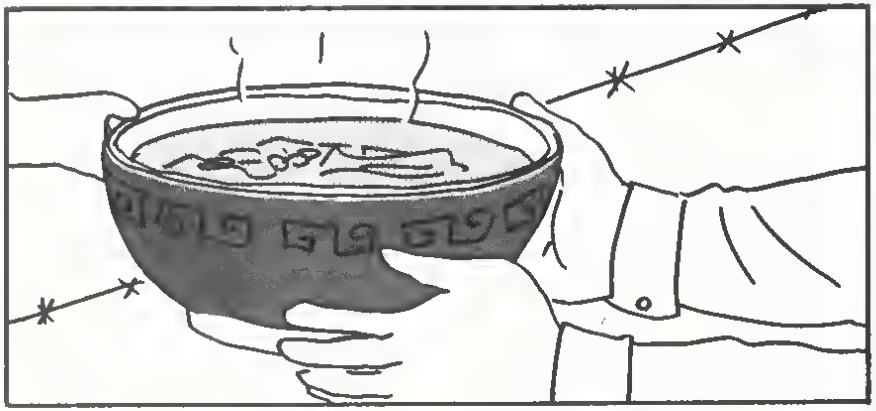
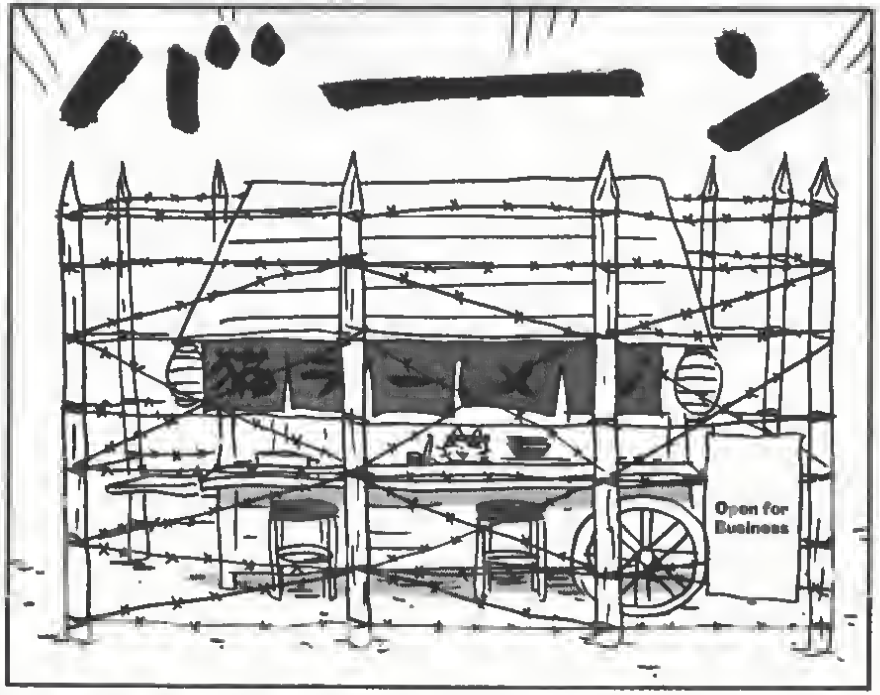
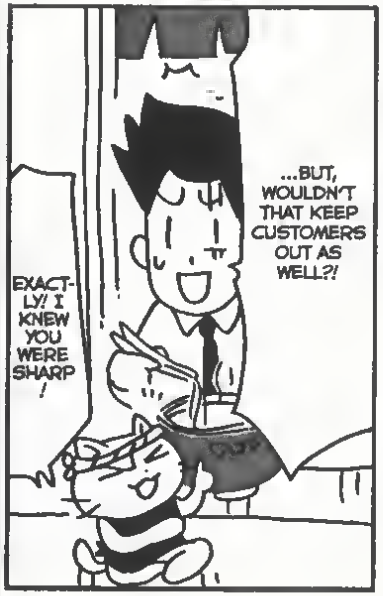


THAT'S TERRIBLE !!
RIGHT...
GO AHEAD AND EAT ANYWHERE OVER THERE!

うわー
Eeeee!

THEY'RE HERE!!


バーン
Open for Business


EXACTLY! I KNEW YOU WERE SHARP!
...BUT, WOULDN'T THAT KEEP CUSTOMERS OUT AS WELL?!

COME ON IN, WELCOME, WELCOME!!
NOT EVEN THOSE GUYS WILL BE ABLE TO GET IN!!

WHOOPS!
Aaaaah!

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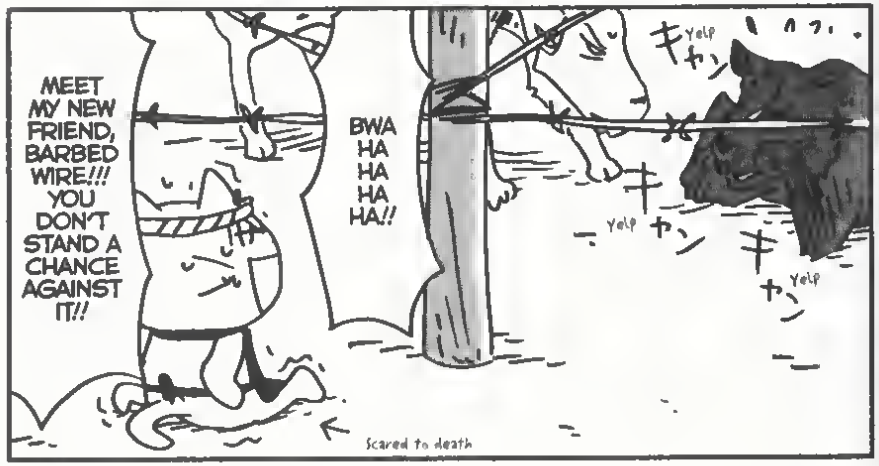
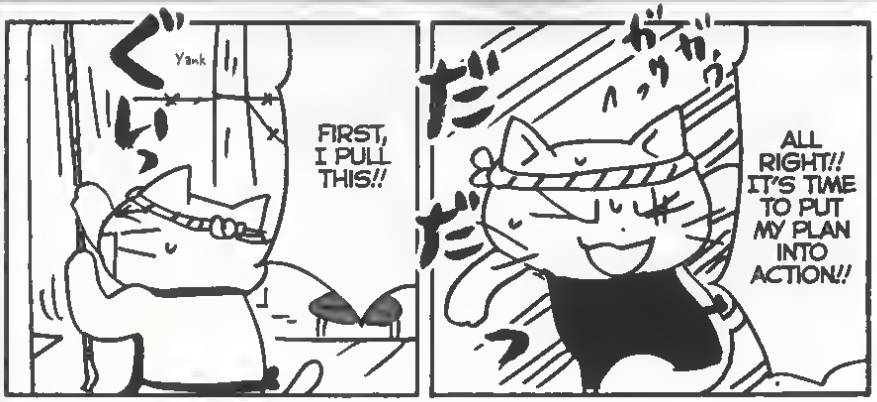
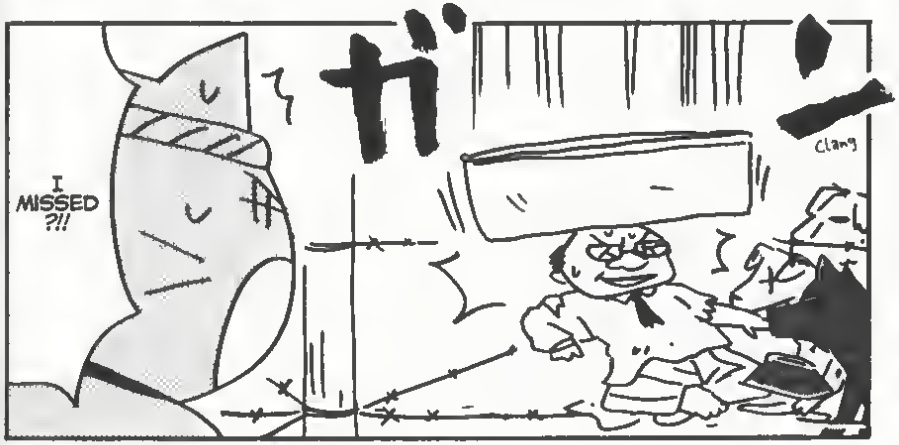
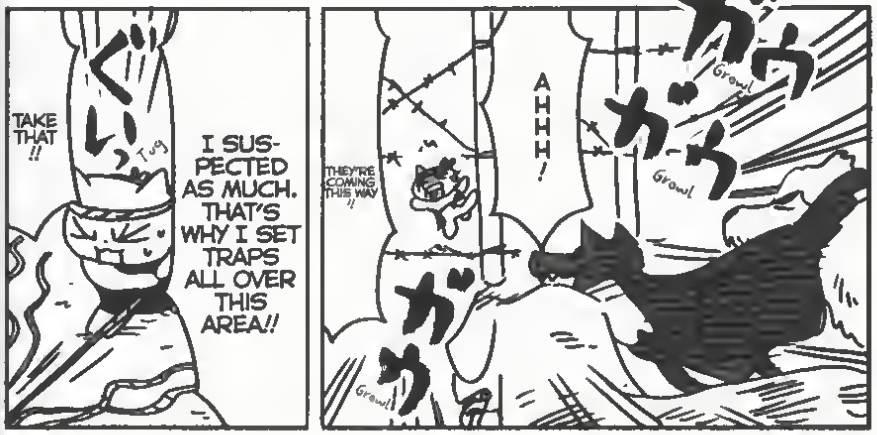
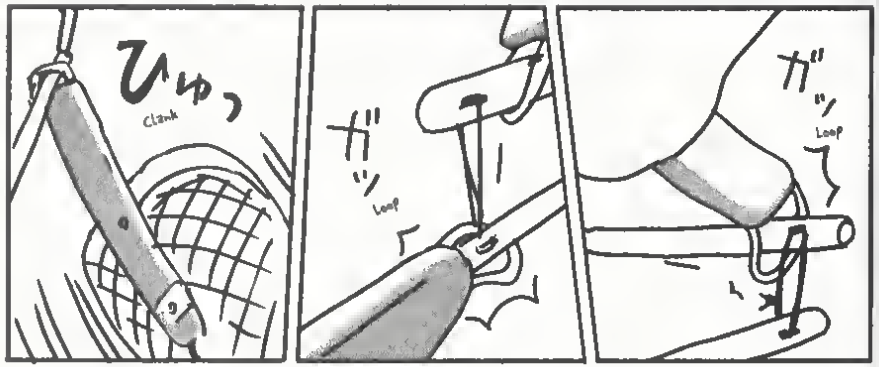
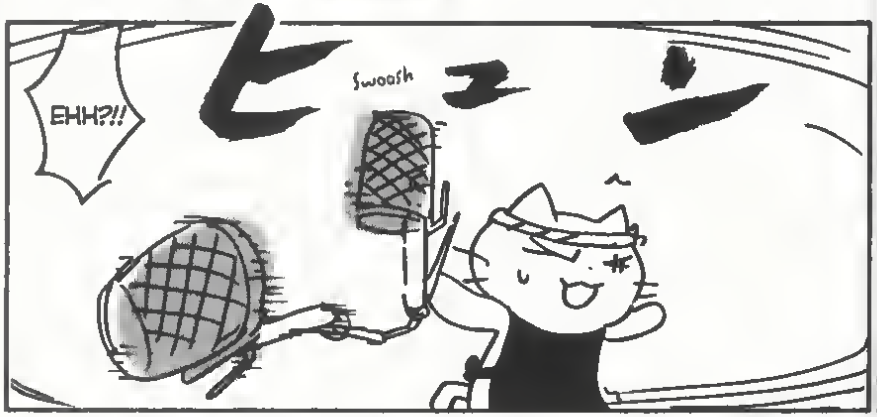

MEET MY NEW FRIEND, BARBED WIRE!!! YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST IT!!
BWA HA HA HA HA!!
キャン Yelp
キャン Yelp
キャン Yelp
Scared to death


Yank
くいっ
FIRST, I PULL THIS!!
だだだ
ALL RIGHT!! IT'S TIME TO PUT MY PLAN INTO ACTION!!


I MISSED ?!!
ガーン
Clang

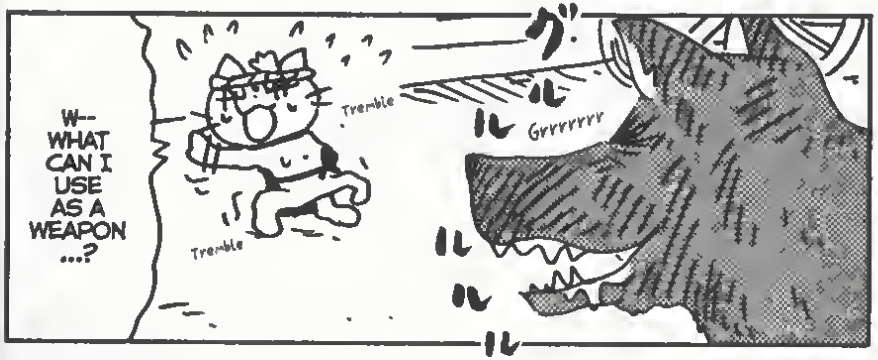

TAKE THAT !!
くいっ Tug
I SUSPECTED AS MUCH. THAT'S WHY I SET TRAPS ALL OVER THIS AREA!!
THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY !!
AHHH!
ガウガウ Growl
Growl
ガウ Growl

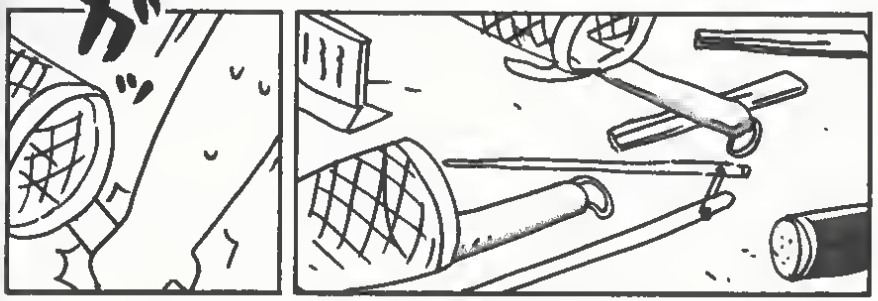

ひゅっ
Clank
ガッ
Loop
ガッ
Loop


EHH?!!
ヒュ～ン
Swoosh

?!
ズバーン
Kerismack!

ぐいっ
Pull
NO WAY!!!

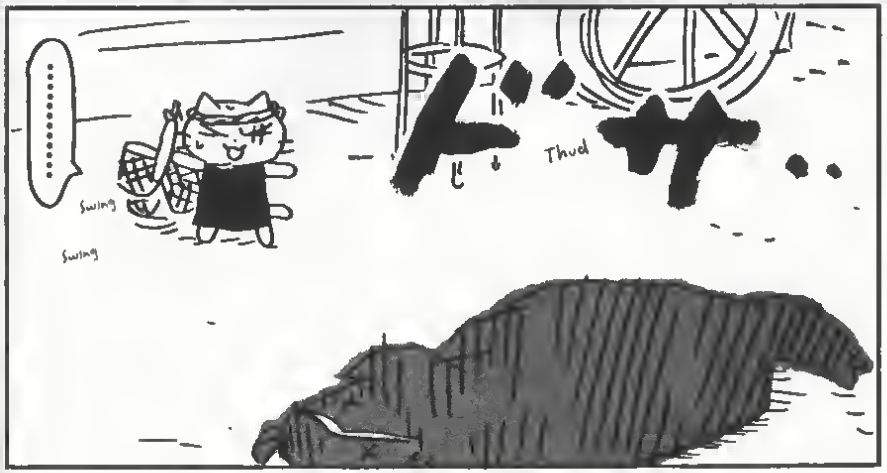

W-- WHAT CAN I USE AS A WEAPON ...?
Tremble
Tremble
グルル
Grrrrrrr


ガッ

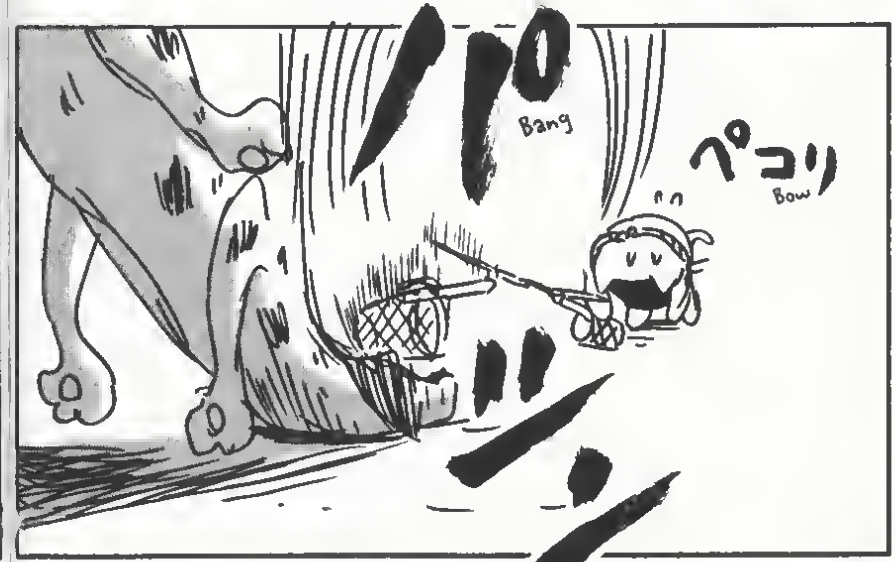
Smirk
HUH?!
Baroo

すぽっ
Snap
ビョンビョン
Whirl Whirl
Bwa ha ha
ブバッ
ha

ウ
Roaaar
ガニ


.....
Swing
Swing
ドサ..
Thud

I...I'M SO SORRY!!!
ガウ
Rawr!
Roooo


ポ
Bang
ペコリ
Bow
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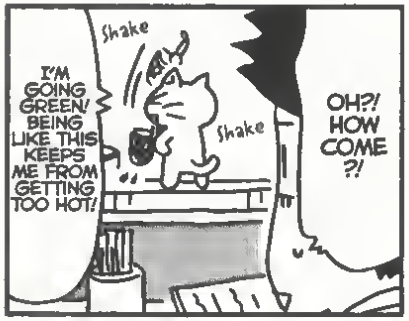

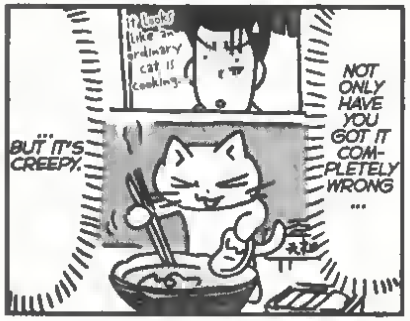

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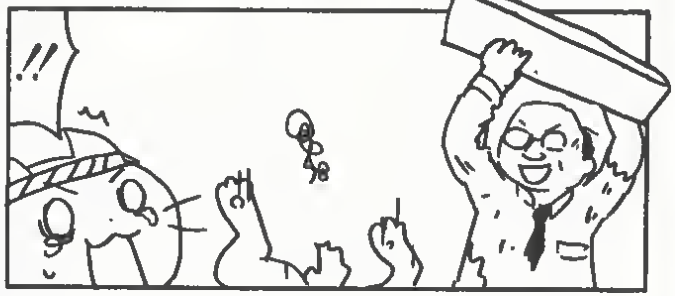
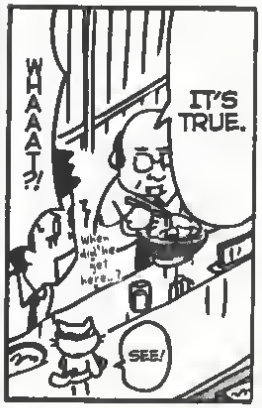
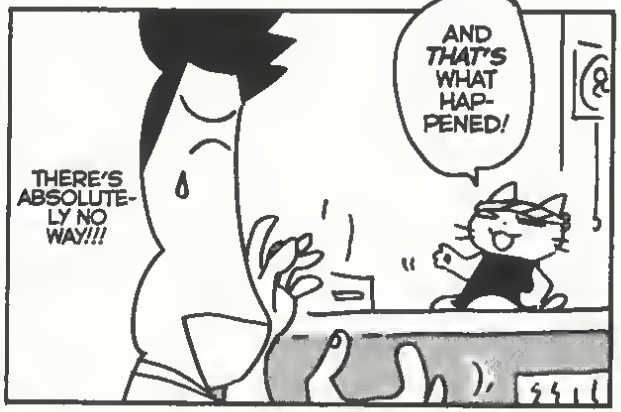
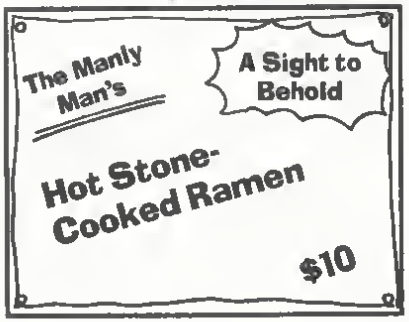
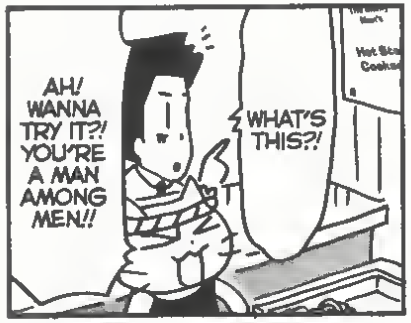


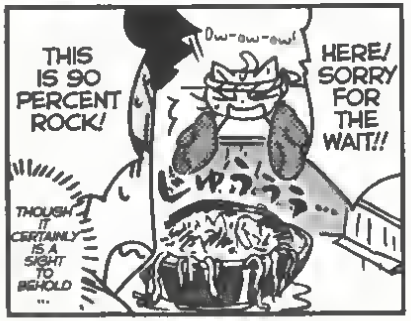




A Sight to Behold







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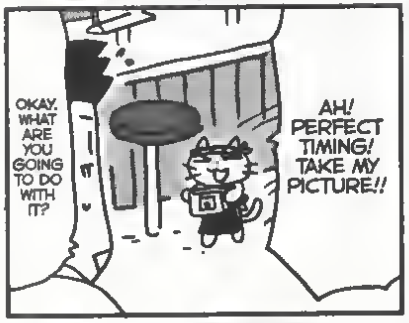
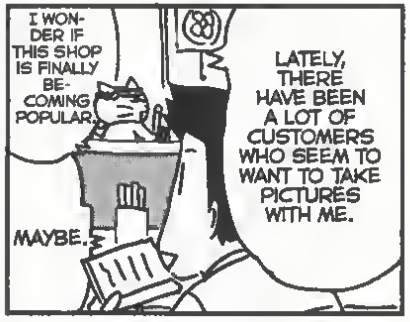
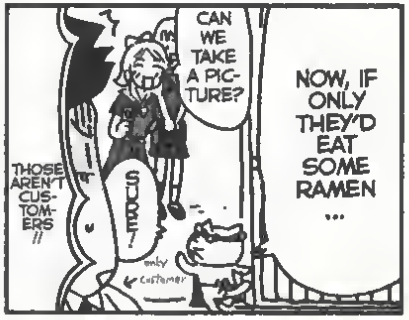
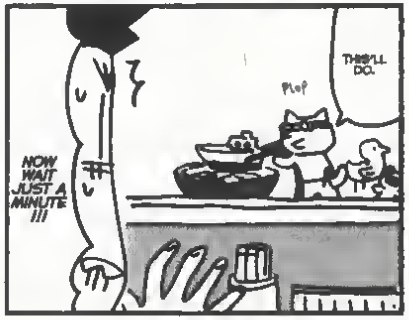


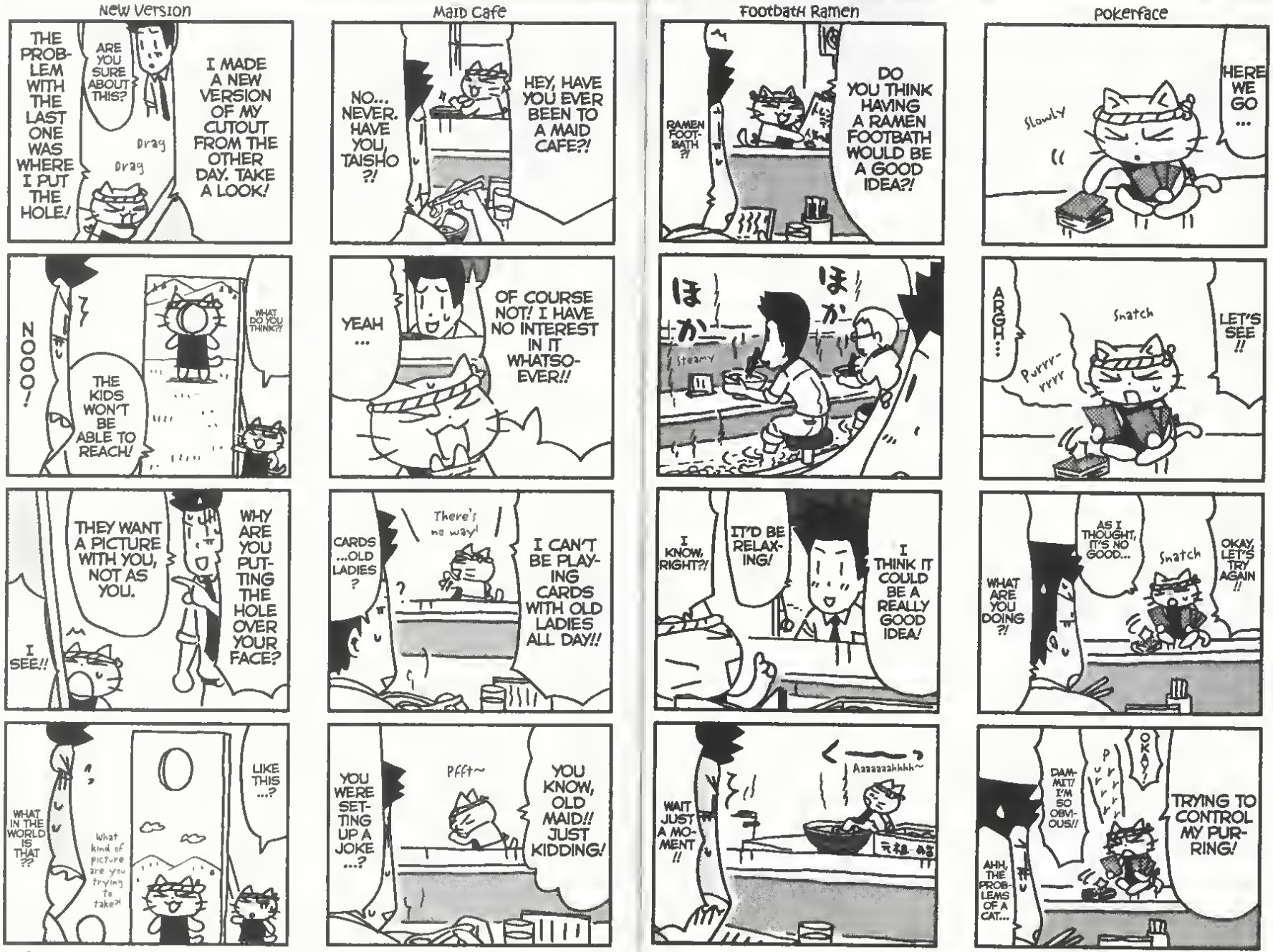
A Popular Shop


I WON-DER IF THIS SHOP IS FINALLY BE-COMING POPULAR.
LATELY, THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF CUSTOMERS WHO SEEM TO WANT TO TAKE PICTURES WITH ME.
MAYBE...

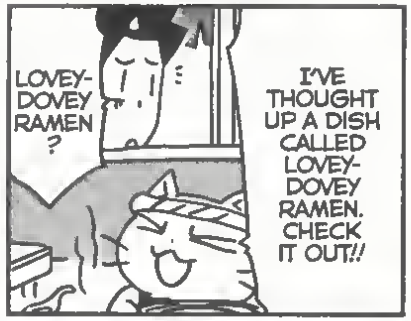


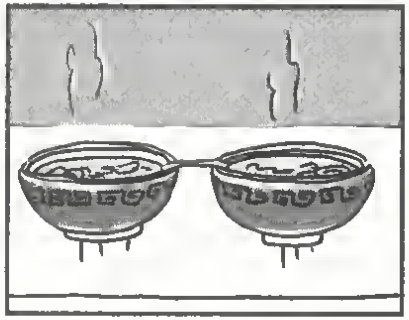
Toppings

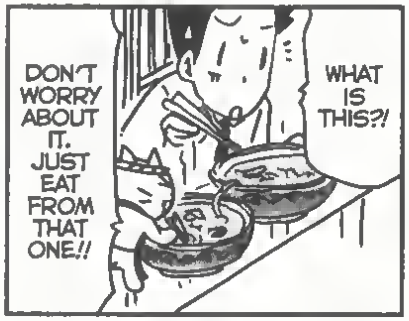



New Version
THE PROBLEM WITH THE LAST ONE WAS WHERE I PUT THE HOLE!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
Drag
Drag
I MADE A NEW VERSION OF MY CUTOUT FROM THE OTHER DAY. TAKE A LOOK!
NOOO!
THE KIDS WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
THEY WANT A PICTURE WITH YOU, NOT AS YOU.
WHY ARE YOU PUTTING THE HOLE OVER YOUR FACE?
I SEE!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT ??
What kind of picture are you trying to take?!
LIKE THIS ...?
Maid Cafe
NO... NEVER. HAVE YOU, TAISHO ?!
HEY, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO A MAID CAFE?!
YEAH ...
OF COURSE NOT! I HAVE NO INTEREST IN IT WHATSOEVER!!
CARDS ...OLD LADIES ?
There's no way!
I CAN'T BE PLAYING CARDS WITH OLD LADIES ALL DAY!!
YOU WERE SETTING UP A JOKE ...?
Pfft~
YOU KNOW, OLD MAID!! JUST KIDDING!
Footbath Ramen
RAMEN FOOTBATH ?!
DO YOU THINK HAVING A RAMEN FOOTBATH WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA?!
ほか
ほか
Steamy
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
IT'D BE RELAXING!
I THINK IT COULD BE A REALLY GOOD IDEA!
WAIT JUST A MOMENT !!
Aaaaaaahhhh~
Pokerface
Slowly
HERE WE GO ...
ARGH...
Purrrr-rrrr
Snatch
LET'S SEE !!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S NO GOOD...
Snatch
OKAY, LET'S TRY AGAIN !!
AHH, THE PROBLEMS OF A CAT...
DAMMIT! I'M SO OBVIOUS!!
P r r r r r r
OKAY!
TRYING TO CONTROL MY PURRING!

Lovey-Dovey Ramen

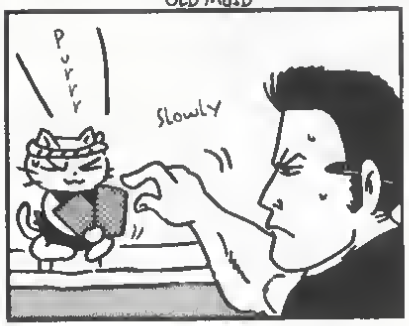


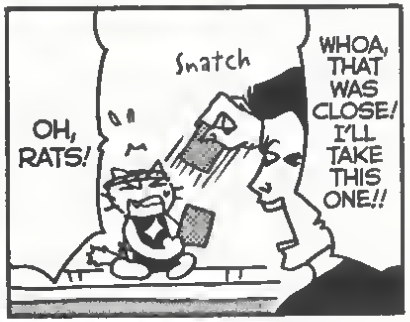


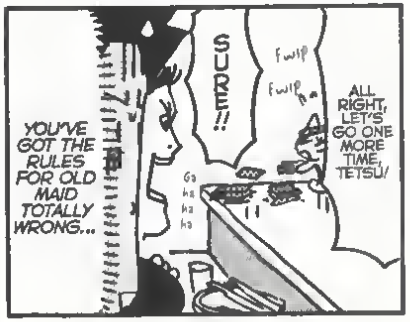


Another Idea

Old Maid







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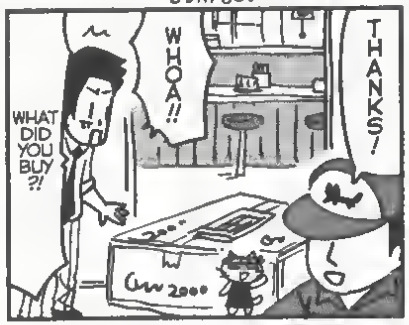

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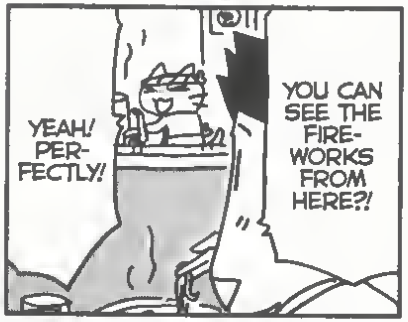
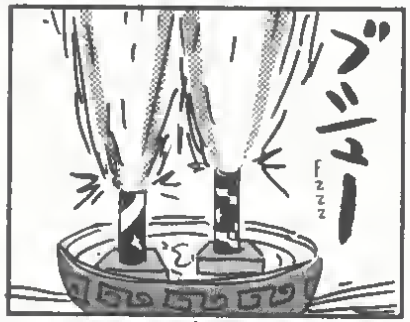
Chapter 14

Fireworks

It's fireworks season
All seats command an excellent view!
Eat ramen while watching the fireworks!
•Now accepting reservations. —Management





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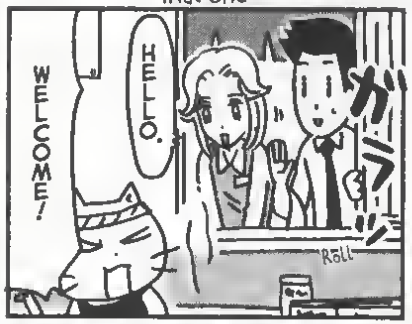
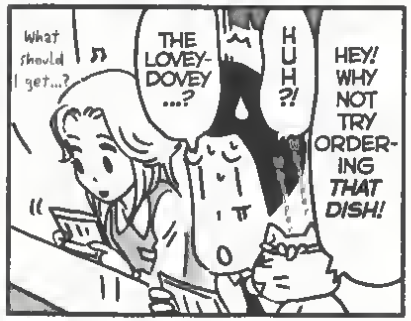
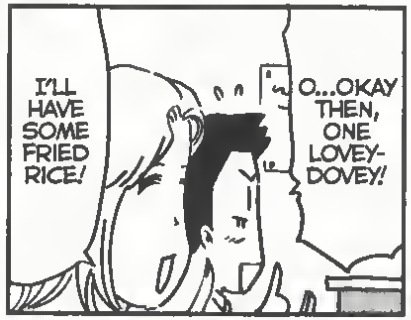
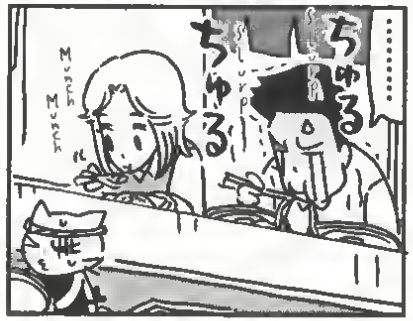


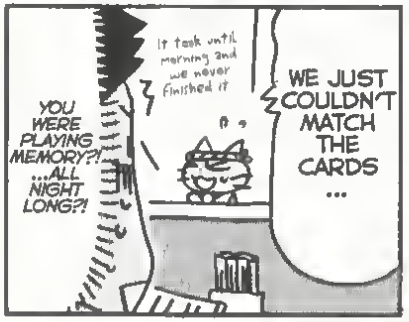




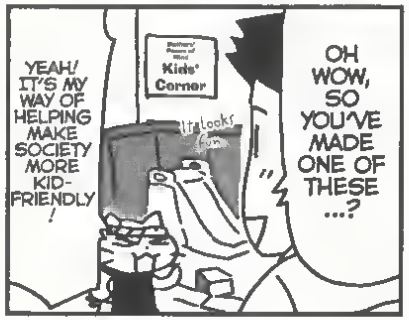


Advertising

All-nighter



Kid Friendly



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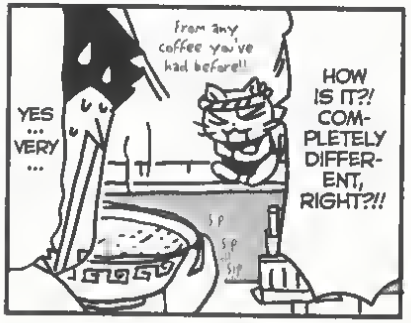
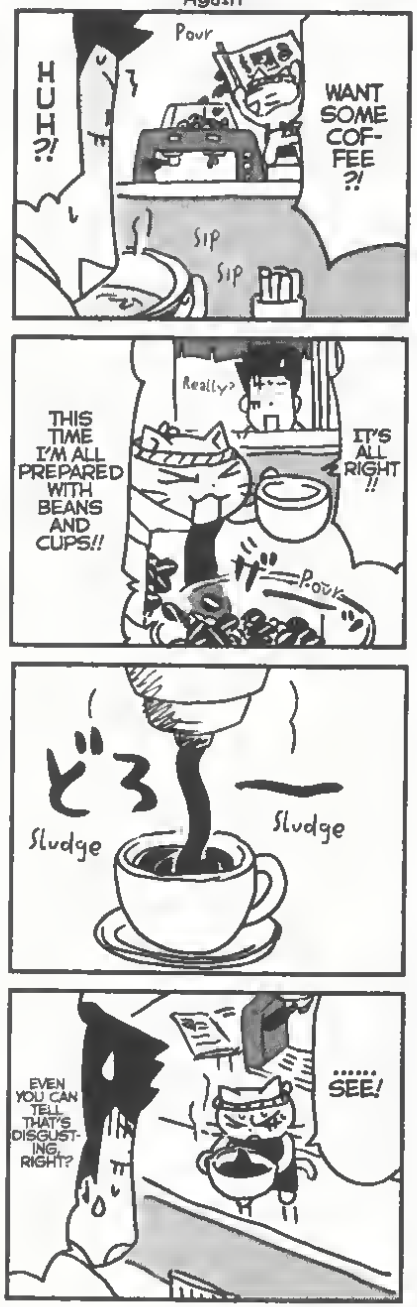


DVD

Pets Allowed

...ALLOW PETS?!
DOES YOUR PLACE...
Shake Shake
YEAH... NOT MANY DO...
HUH?! N...NO, IT DOESN'T ...
THAT SOUNDS ROUGH
...THERE AREN'T MANY PLACES THAT ALLOW PETS!!
MY PLACE IS CRAMPED SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE, BUT...
YOU WEREN'T TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF?!
IT'S ONE OF MY DREAMS TO HAVE A PET!

Again

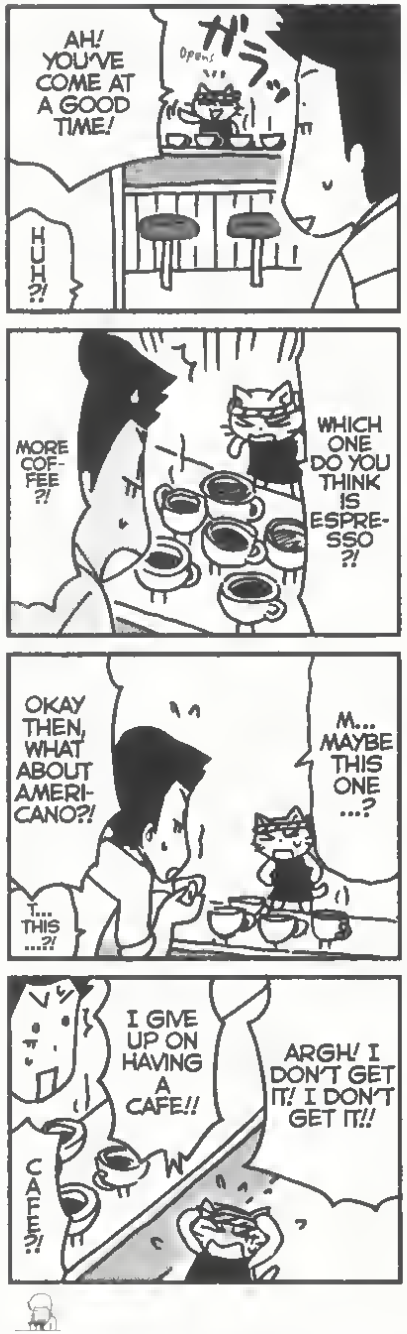


Extravagance

Beauty Salon

ガラッ
Roll
YOU CAN TELL?!
OH! YOU GOT A HAIRCUT!
It's starting to get long.
HUH?! TAISHO, YOU GO TO A BARBER?!
IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT ONE TOO.
NOT JUST A HAIRCUT!!
Because I want some style!
IDIOT, I GO TO A BEAUTY SALON!!
NO... THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
Bow-Meow Beauty Salon
YES, I DO SEE ...
SNIP!

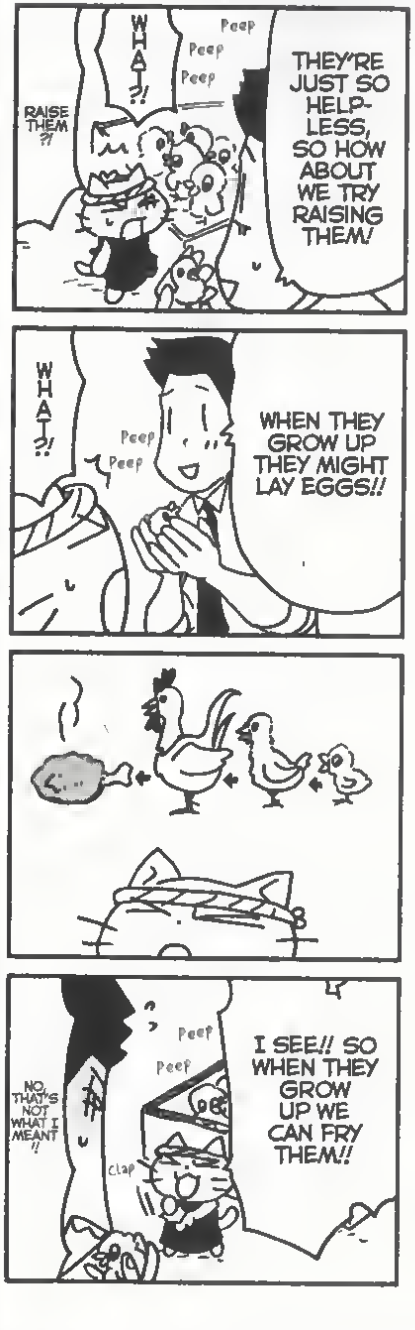
Giving Up


AH! YOU'VE COME AT A GOOD TIME!
ガラッ
Open
HUH?!
MORE COF-FEE ?!
WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS ESPRE-SSO ?!
OKAY THEN, WHAT ABOUT AMERI-CANO?!
M... MAYBE THIS ONE ...?
T... THIS ...?!
I GIVE UP ON HAVING A CAFE!!
ARGH! I DON'T GET IT! I DON'T GET IT!!
CAFE?!

Bowl

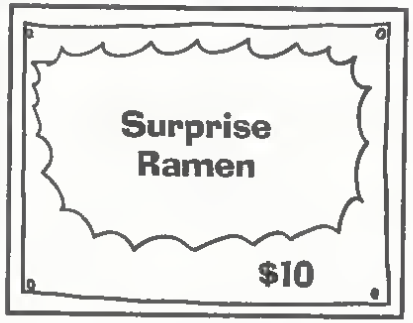
WAS IT LIKE THIS?!
OR...
...LIKE THIS ?!
HUH?!
THOSE LUCKY CAT STATUES
IS... IS WHAT LIKE THIS ?!
THE COIN!!
YOU KNOW, IT'S THAT COIN THOSE THINGS HOLD!
WHAT'S THE BOWL SUPPOSED TO BE?!
AND, UH, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!

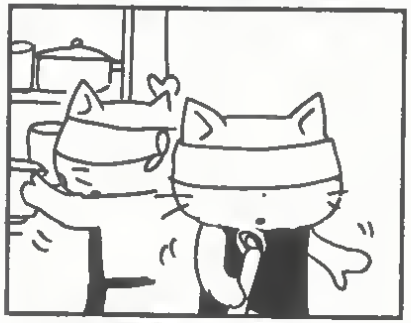
Growing Up


WHAT?!
Peep
RAISE THEM ?!
THEY'RE JUST SO HELP-LESS, SO HOW ABOUT WE TRY RAISING THEM!
WHAT?!
WHEN THEY GROW UP THEY MIGHT LAY EGGS!!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT !!
I SEE!! SO WHEN THEY GROW UP WE CAN FRY THEM!!
Clap

What to Do?!

Peep
THE EGG DELIVERER LEFT THEM HERE BY MISTAKE!!
YEAH, TELL ME ABOUT IT!
...'s Eggs
WHOA!! WHAT ARE THOSE DOING HERE?!
EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO RETURN THEM...
They're kinda cute...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THEM?!
WHAAAAT?!
Not when they're this small...
Gulp
...THEY WOULDN'T MAKE GOOD FRIED CHICKEN.





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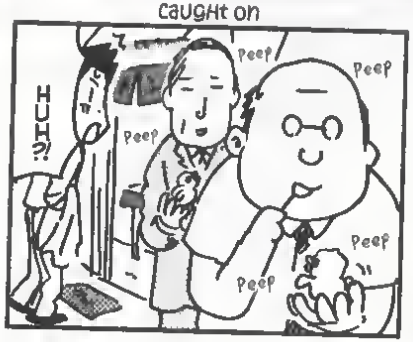

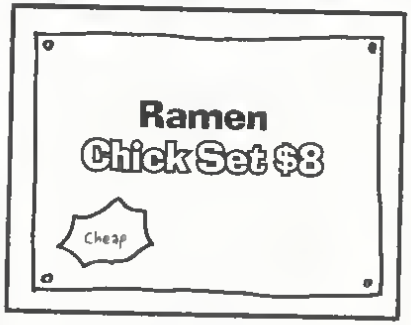

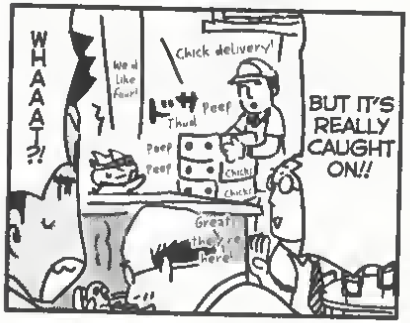

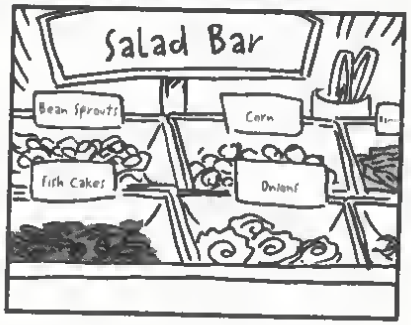

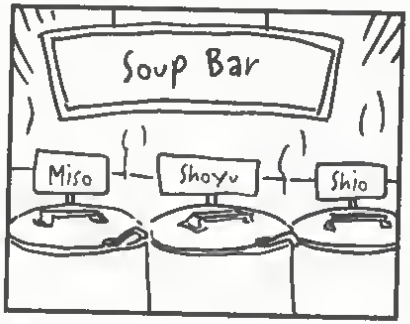

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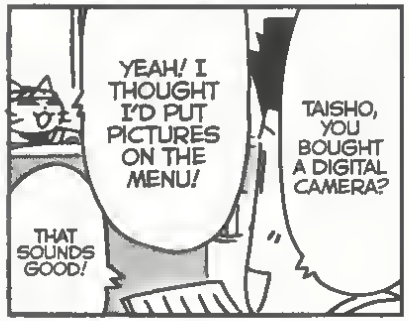

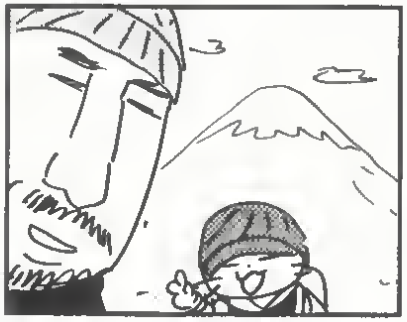

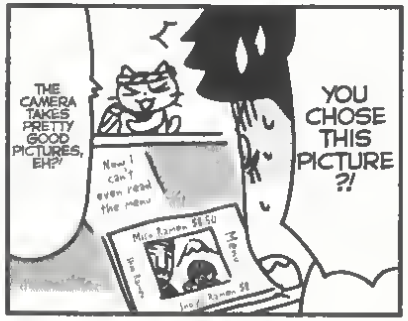

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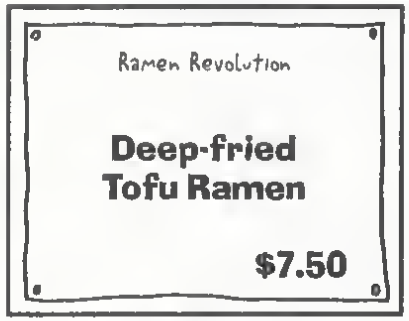

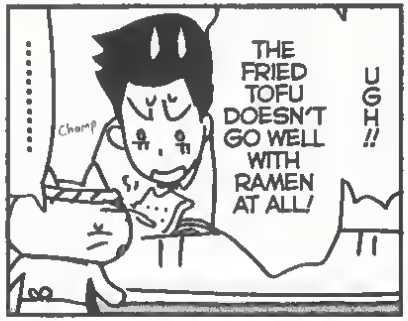

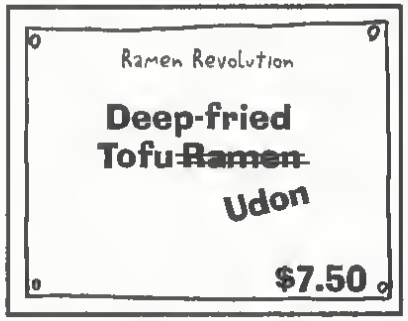

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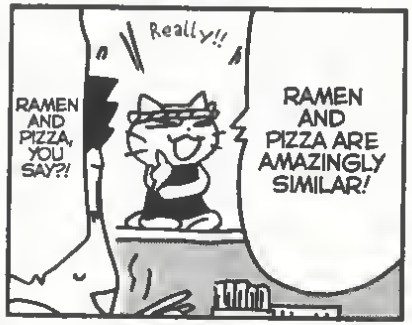

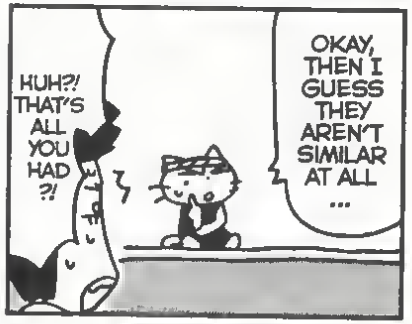

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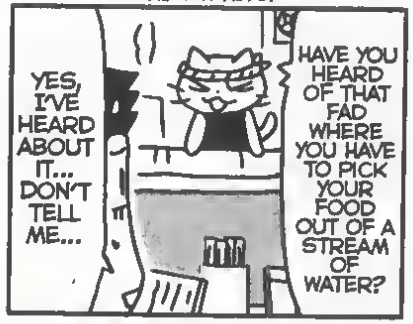

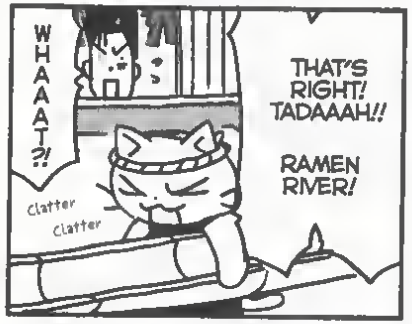

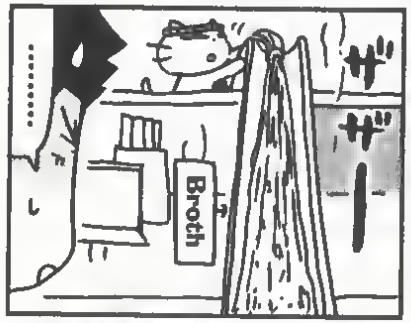

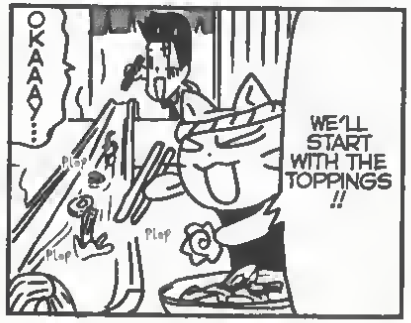

Incredible
HUH?!
YOU WENT?!
Sigh
THE ASAHIYAMA ZOO WAS INCREDIBLE!
I HAD TAKEN ONLY A SINGLE STEP INSIDE THE ZOO WHEN ...
Yaaay!
IT WAS REALLY SOMETHING!!
HEY!!
Whap
TASHO!
That place really is incredible...
HE CHASED ME AROUND THE ZOO FOR NEARLY FIVE HOURS...
Rare
WOW, THE ASAHIYAMA ZOO IS REALLY AMAZING!!
All About the Asahiyama Zoo
REALLY?
I'd like to go sometime.
IT'S TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ZOOS!
YEAH! YOU CAN OBSERVE THE ANIMALS UP CLOSE IN THEIR ECOSYSTEMS FROM PERSPECTIVES PEOPLE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
I DO... EVERY-DAY.
Up-close
Shake
I'LL BET YOU'D LOVE TO SEE SOMETHING LIKE THAT TOO!
Ramen Aquarium
WHEN DID YOU DO THIS?!!
OH WOW!!
IT WILL BE A BIG HIT WITH COUPLES !!
ISN'T IT GREAT?! JUST LIKE AN AQUARIUM, RIGHT?!
TWO DAYS LATER ...
IS IT JUST ME OR ARE THE FISH DISAP-PEARING?!
Shake
ONE WEEK LATER ...
Replacement
WHAT?!
PIC-TURES OF RAMEN ?!
I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!!
YOU SHOULD BE—
Nice call!!
I THINK I WILL DO THAT!
IT'S STILL NOT RIGHT ?!
Miso Ramen $8.50
Shio Ramen $8
WRONG AGAIN!!

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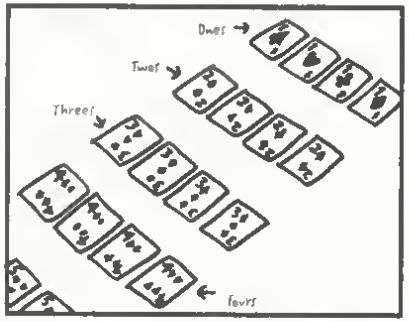

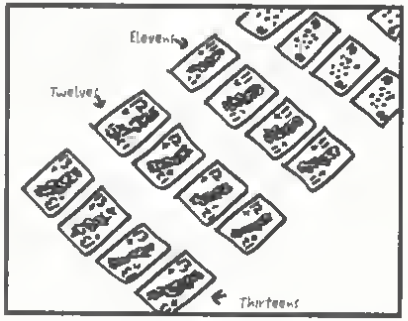

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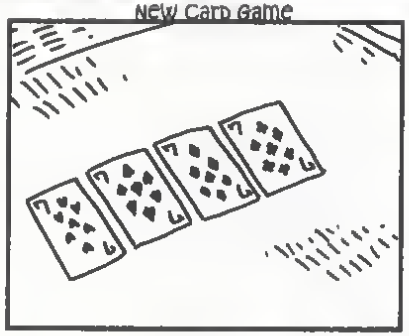

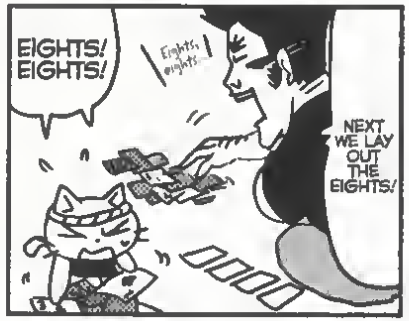

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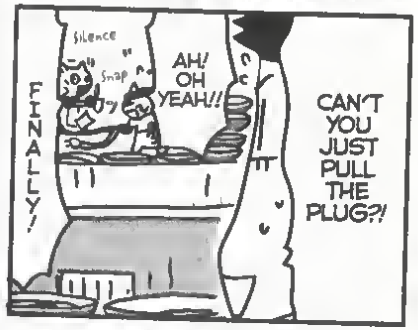
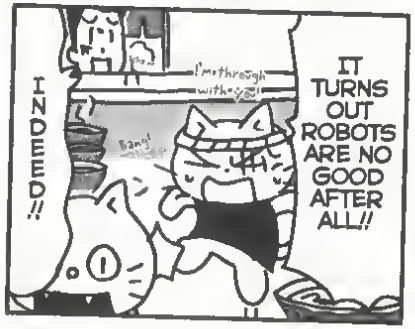
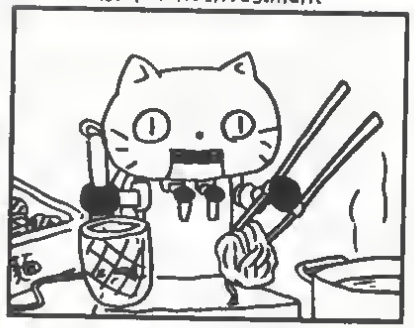
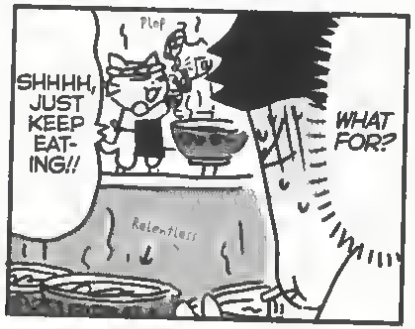




Equipment Investment





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Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

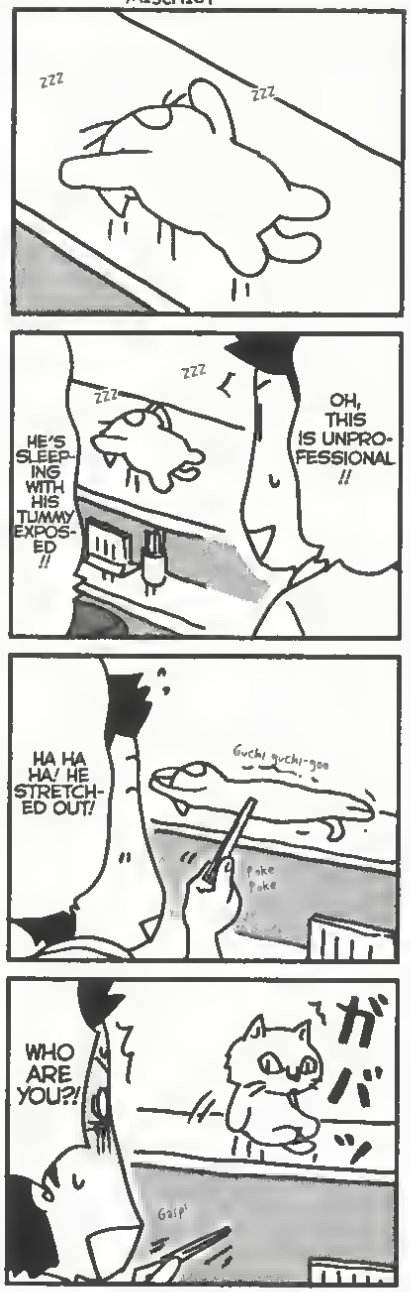
Chapter 1

open!

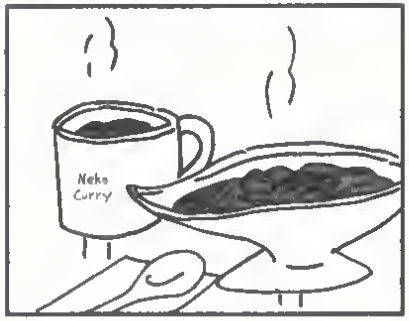
Countermeasure

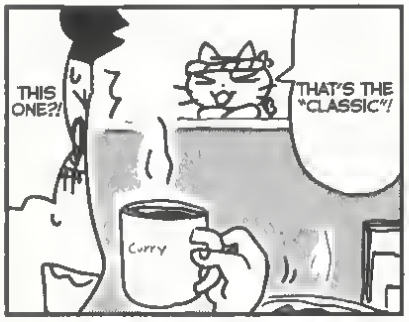
Rammit!
A STRAY CAT, YOU SAY...?
THAT DARN STRAY CAT CAME BACK AGAIN!!
AH! I JUST HAD A GOOD IDEA!!
HE'S INTERFERING WITH MY BUSINESS!!
WHAAAT?!
I'LL SPRAY CAT-REPELLANT ON THE DOORWAY!
Chock full of odors that cats hate
waft waft
Now, he can't enter

Mischief

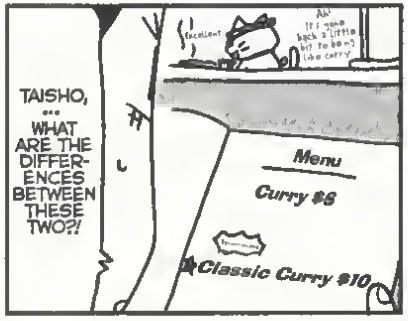


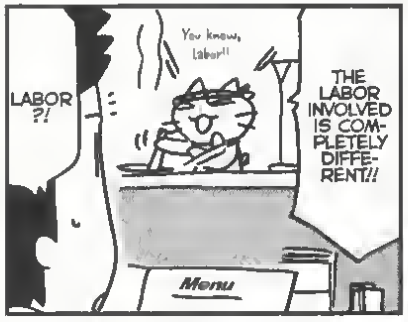
A Man Who Understands Differences

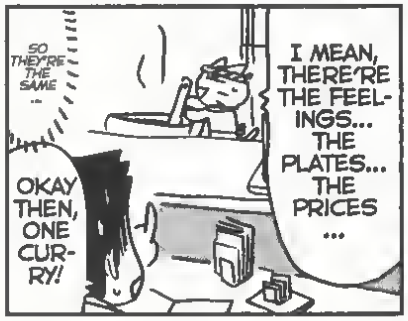




Differences

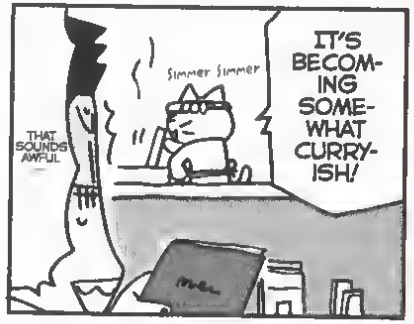

TAISHO, ... WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO?!
Excellent
Ah! It's more like a little bit to bend like curry.
Menu
Curry $8
Classic Curry $10





Curry-like

Four Times



Ramen Insurance

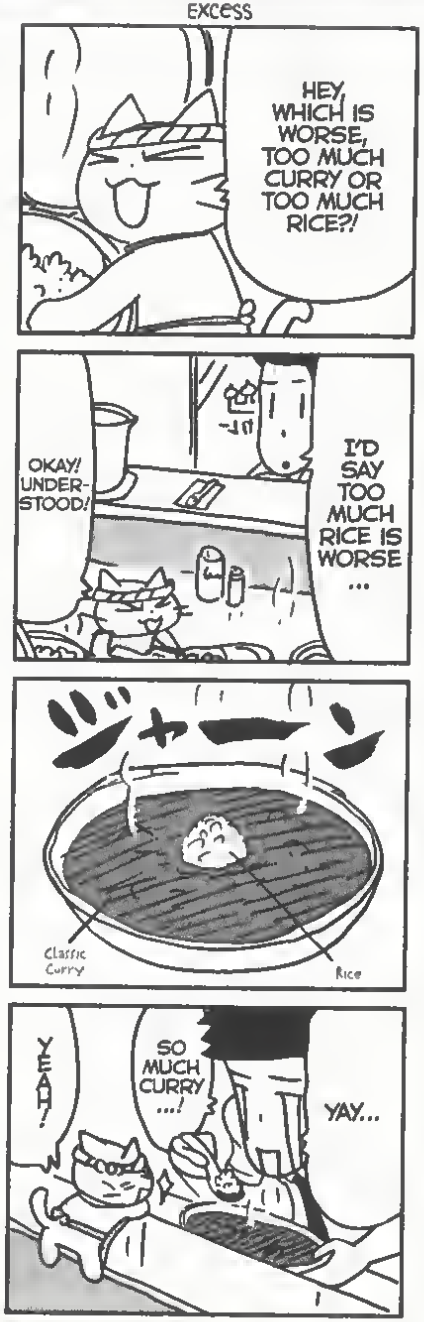
New Product!!
Ramen Insurance
Now Available!
AH! YOU WANNA TRY IT?!
WH... WHAT'S THIS?!
THREE ACCI-DENTS?!
IT COVERS THE THREE MAJOR RAMEN ACCI-DENTS!
THAT KIND OF STUFF HAP-PENS?!
YOU NEVER KNOW!!
The Three Ramen Accidents
1. Worcestershire sauce used instead of soy sauce
2. Sugar used instead of salt
3. Noodles dropped on the floor

猫ラーメン

Chapter 16

Business

Excess



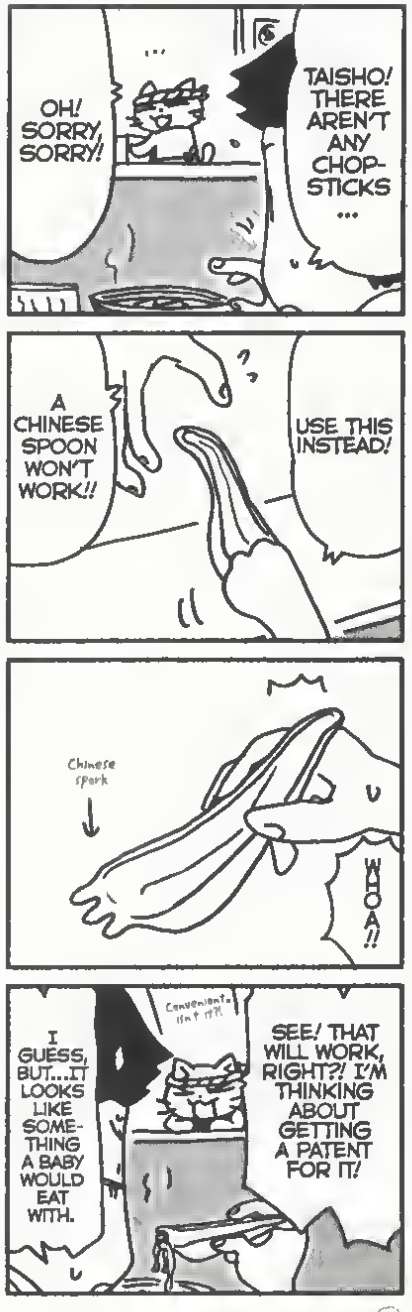
Ramen Bread

Newspaper

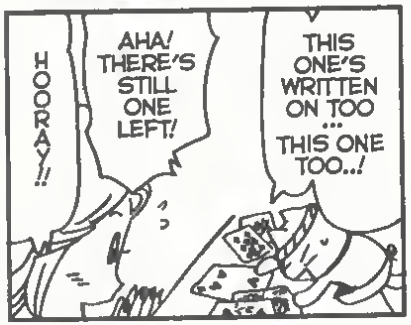
Your Age Determines the Number

Birthday Ramen
Your age determines the number!
Happy Birthday
Birthday patrons please request it!
AH! SURE! 26, RIGHT?! OKAY!
AH! I JUST TURNED 26 YESTERDAY... DOES THAT COUNT?
Two large
Six small
...OKAY, SO THAT'S TWO LARGE BOWLS AND SIX SMALL ONES!
Happy Birthday!
I CAN'T EAT ALL THIS!!

Chinese Spoon

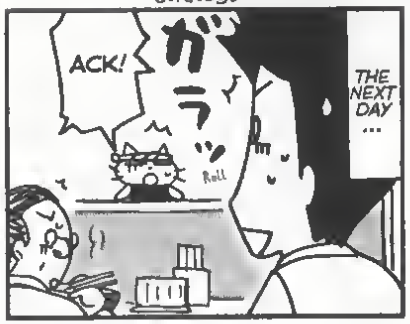

...
OH! SORRY, SORRY!
TAISHO! THERE AREN'T ANY CHOPSTICKS ...
A CHINESE SPOON WON'T WORK!!
USE THIS INSTEAD!
Chinese spork
WHOA!!
Convenient, isn't it?!
I GUESS, BUT...IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING A BABY WOULD EAT WITH.
SEE! THAT WILL WORK, RIGHT?! I'M THINKING ABOUT GETTING A PATENT FOR IT!

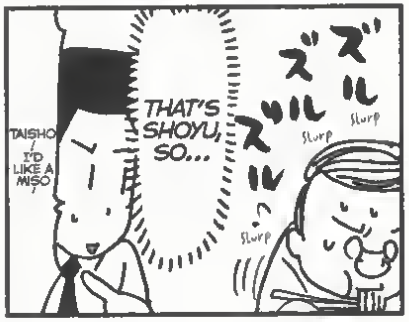
Amazing



Magic

Strategy





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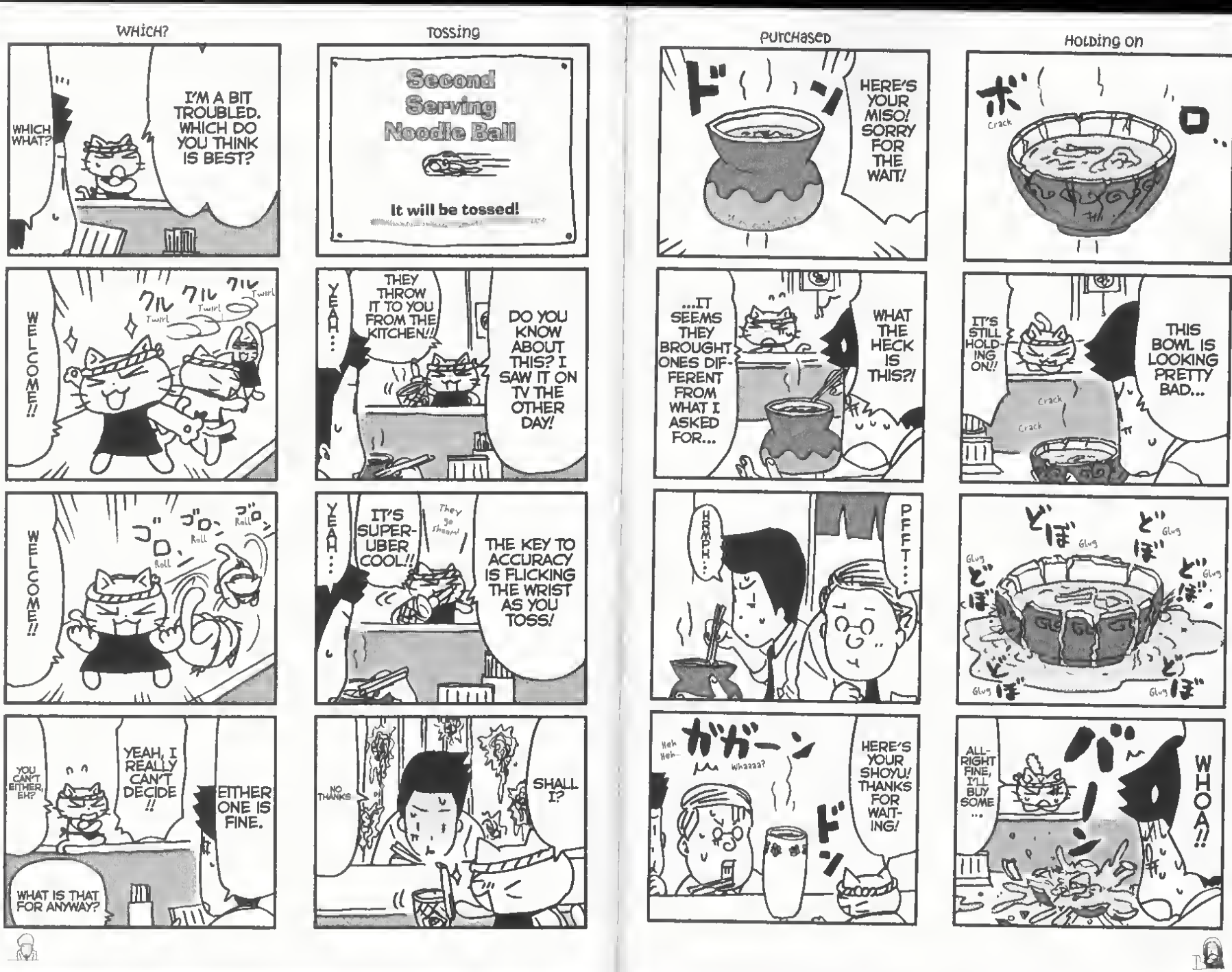

WHICH?
I'M A BIT TROUBLED. WHICH DO YOU THINK IS BEST?
WHICH WHAT?
WELCOME!!
クル Twirl
クル Twirl
クル Twirl
WELCOME!!
ゴロン Roll
ゴロン Roll
ゴロン Roll
YOU CAN'T EITHER, EH?
YEAH, I REALLY CAN'T DECIDE!!
EITHER ONE IS FINE.
WHAT IS THAT FOR ANYWAY?
Tossing
Second Serving Noodle Ball
It will be tossed!
YEAH...
THEY THROW IT TO YOU FROM THE KITCHEN!!
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS? I SAW IT ON TV THE OTHER DAY!
YEAH...
IT'S SUPER-UBER COOL!!
They go Shaam!
THE KEY TO ACCURACY IS FLICKING THE WRIST AS YOU TOSS!
NO THANKS
SHALL I?
Purchased
ドン
HERE'S YOUR MISO! SORRY FOR THE WAIT!
...IT SEEMS THEY BROUGHT ONES DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I ASKED FOR...
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
HRMPH...
PFFT...
Heh Heh
ガガーン
Whaaaa?
HERE'S YOUR SHOYU! THANKS FOR WAITING!
ドン
Holding on
ボロ
Crack
IT'S STILL HOLDING ON!!
Crack
Crack
THIS BOWL IS LOOKING PRETTY BAD...
どぼ Glug
どぼ Glug
どぼ Glug
どぼ Glug
どぼ Glug
どぼ Glug
ALL-RIGHT FINE, I'LL BUY SOME...
バーン
WHOA!!

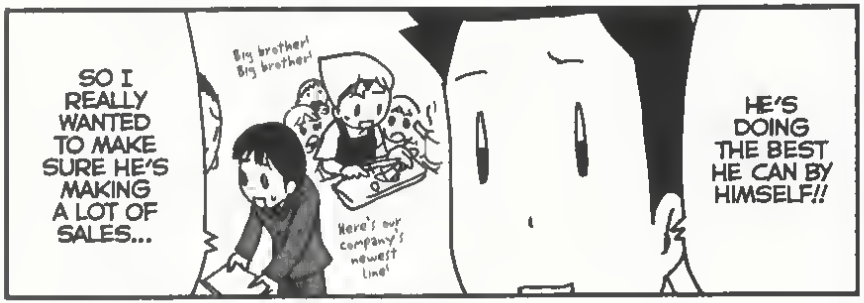
Short Comic Special

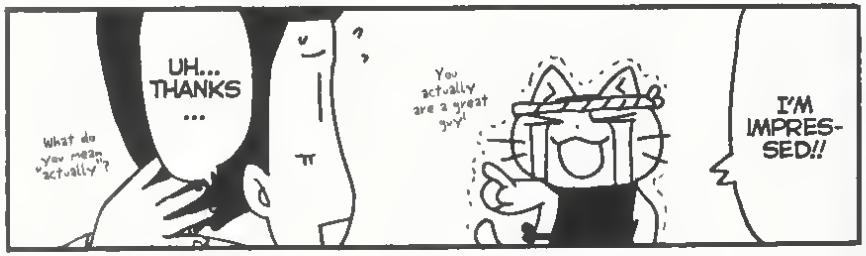
猫ラーメン

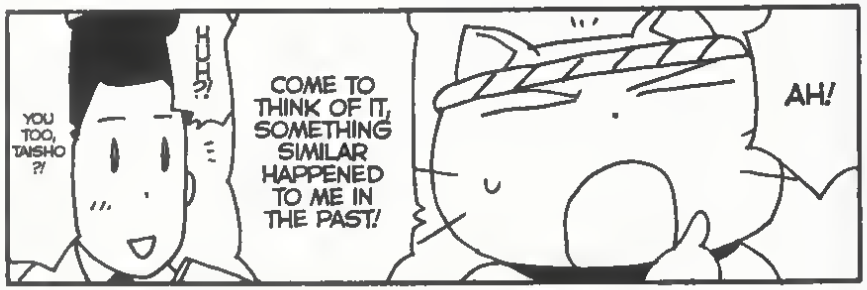
The Phantom New Branch

HE'S GOT A LOT OF SIBLINGS AT HOME AND HIS PARENTS ARE ILL...
What a waste...
WHY'D YOU DO THAT?

THIS MONTH I PASSED ON ONE OF MY LARGE CLIENTS TO HIM ...
Hmm... what should I get?
WELL... IT'S NOT REALLY A BIG DEAL...


SO I REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE HE'S MAKING A LOT OF SALES...
Big brother! Big brother!
Here's our company's newest line!
HE'S DOING THE BEST HE CAN BY HIMSELF!!

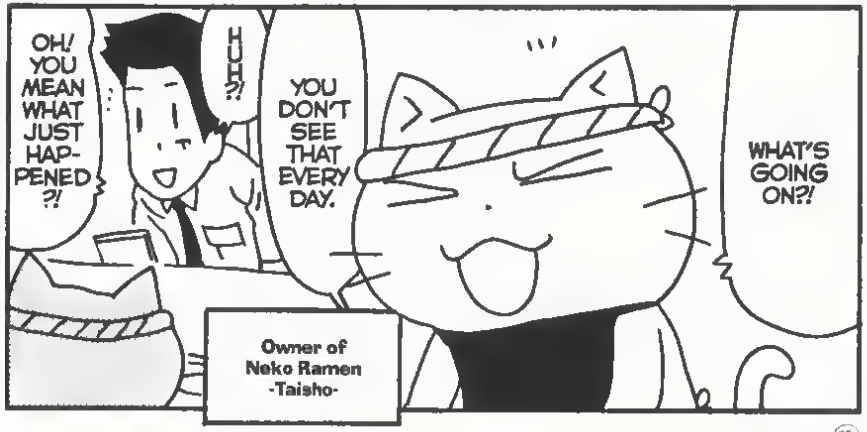

What do you mean "actually"?
UH... THANKS ...
You actually are a great guy!
I'M IMPRESSED!!

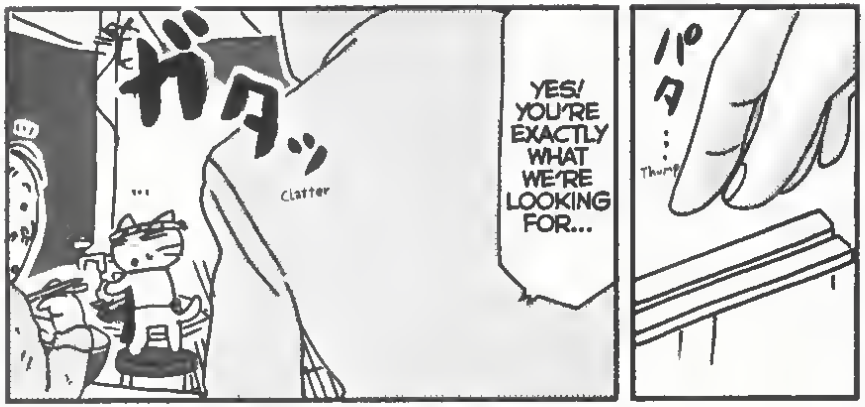

YOU TOO, TAISHO ?!
HUH?!
COME TO THINK OF IT, SOMETHING SIMILAR HAPPENED TO ME IN THE PAST!
AH!

SIR!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

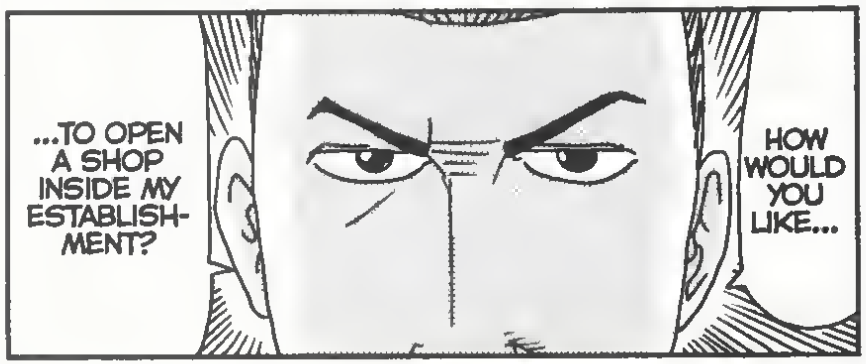
THANK YOU SO MUCH, TRULY !!
Bow Bow
BUT, I'M HAPPY FOR YOU! NOW YOU'RE CERTAIN TO GET A BONUS! I'M SURE OF IT!

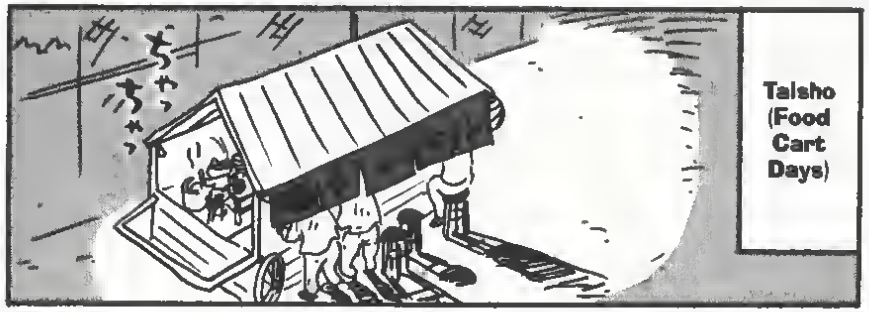
Bow Bow
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO THANK ME!
Sales rep for a major telephone manufacturing company -Tanaka-


OH! YOU MEAN WHAT JUST HAP-PENED ?!
HUH?!
YOU DON'T SEE THAT EVERY DAY.
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
Owner of Neko Ramen -Taisho-


ガタッ
Clatter
...
YES! YOU'RE EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR...
パタ...
Thump

MARU-KOSHI DEPART-MENT STORE IS A REALLY FAMOUS PLACE IN GINZA...
WH... WHAT'S THIS? IT SAYS MARUKOSHI DEPART-MENT STORE...?
すっ
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!
Marukoshi Department Store Owner: Eiichiro Marukoshi


...TO OPEN A SHOP INSIDE MY ESTABLISH-MENT?
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE...


Taisho (Food Cart Days)

It's here, it's here!!
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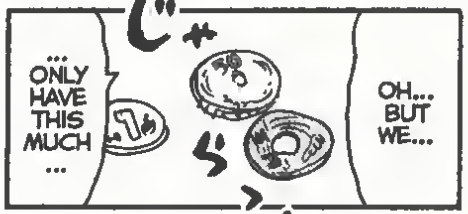
ドン
HERE! THANKS FOR WAITING!!

THANKS AS ALWAYS, TAISHO!!
Hurry up and eat!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!!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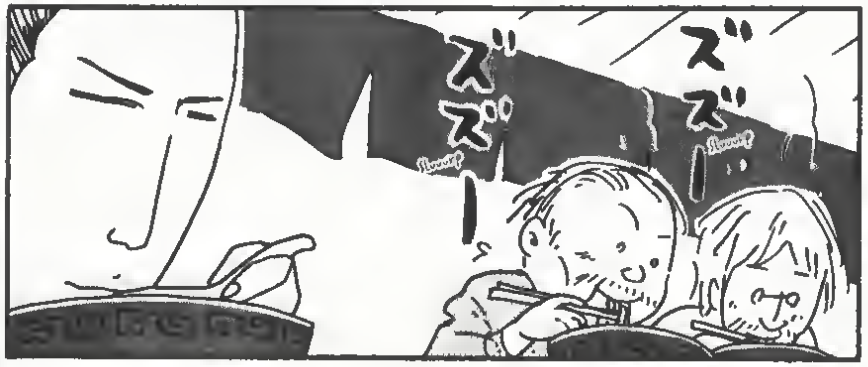
... ONLY HAVE THIS MUCH ...
OH... BUT WE...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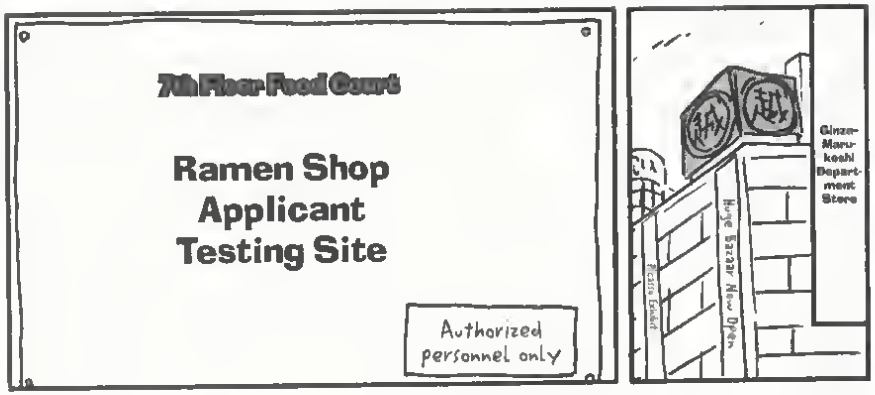
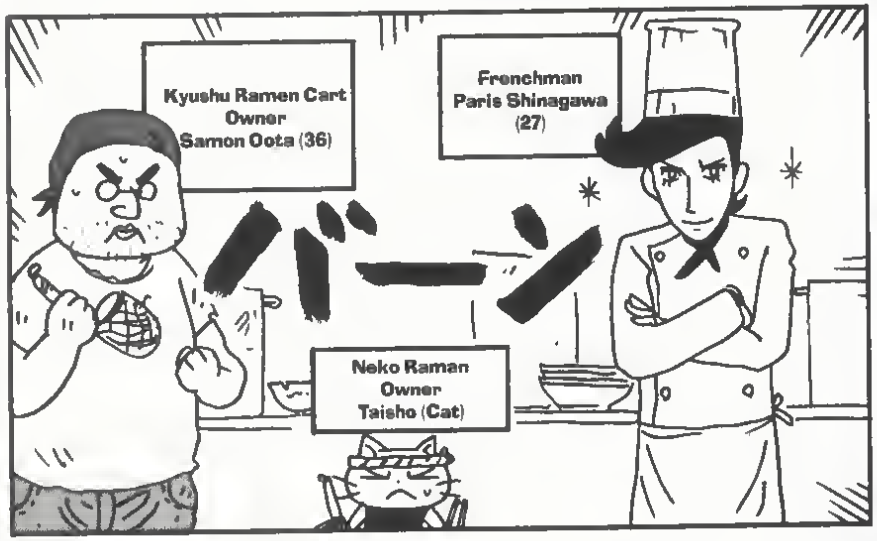
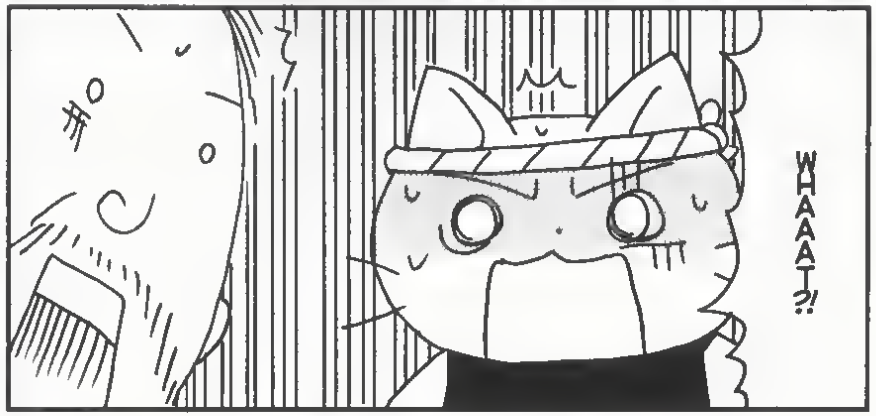
Slurp!
Slurp!


7th Floor Food Court
Ramen Shop Applicant Testing Site
Authorized personnel only
Ginza-Marukoshi Department Store
Huge Bazaar Now Open


Kyushu Ramen Cart Owner Samon Oota (36)
Frenchman Paris Shinagawa (27)
バーン
Neko Raman Owner Taisho (Cat)

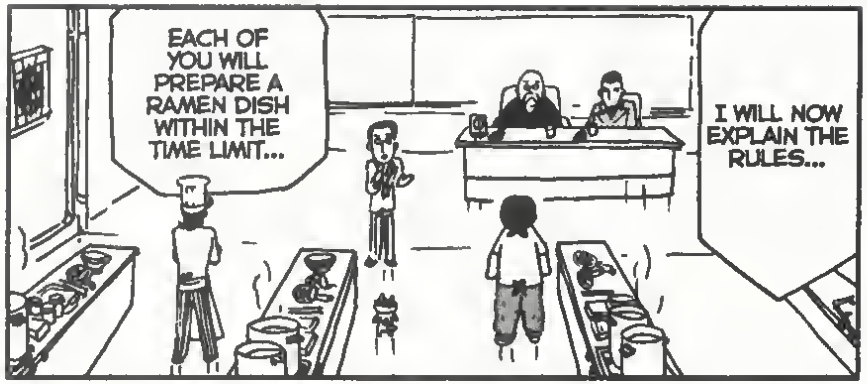
Grrr
カチン
YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY THINK YOU HAVE A CHANCE AT OPENING SHOP HERE, DO YOU?!
YOU TWO HAVE NO CHANCE AGAINST ME!
HEH... A COUNTRY BUMPKIN AND A CAT...


WHAAAT?!

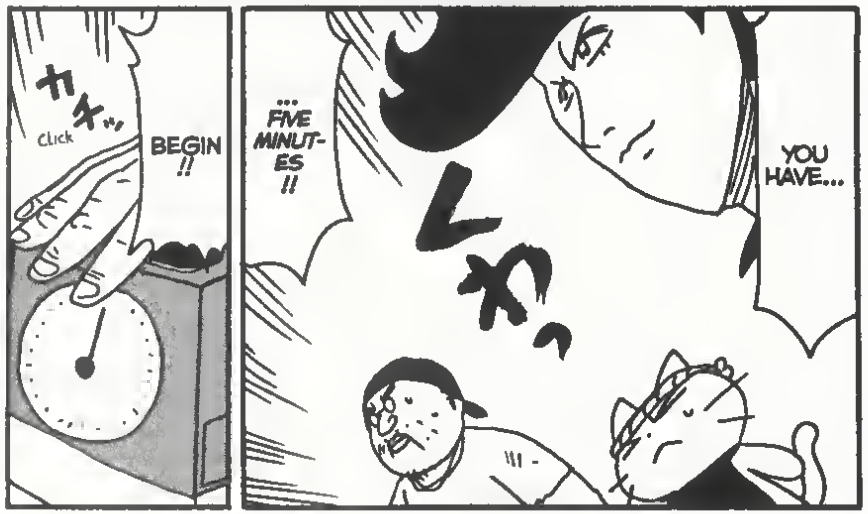
HOW-EVER... THERE IS ONE CONDI-TION...
GOZO-GOZO
I GUESS I'M JUST THAT GOOD!
Ha ha ha ha.
THAT'S IN-CREDIBLE, TAISHO!!

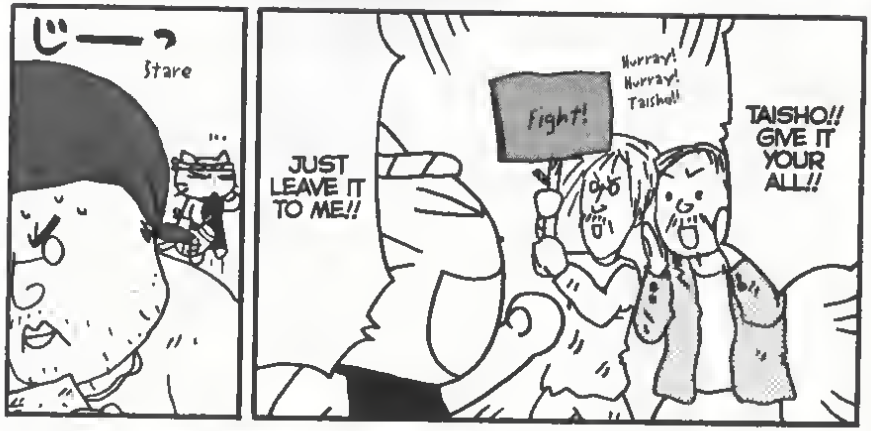
Atta-boy!!
That's our Taisho!!
メラ
Pant
Pant
メラ
ALL RIGHT! I'M DOING THIS!!
メラ
Pant

YOU MUST WIN OUT OVER THEM.
THERE ARE TWO OTHER CANDI-DATES ...


EACH OF YOU WILL PREPARE A RAMEN DISH WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT...
I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE RULES...

President Genzaburo Marukoshi
...WILL BE AWARDED THE RIGHT TO OPEN A SHOP HERE.
Ho
Ho
Ho
THE ONE WHO MAKES THE RAMEN OUR PRESIDENT LIKES BEST...


Click
BEGIN !!
...FIVE MINUTES !!
YOU HAVE...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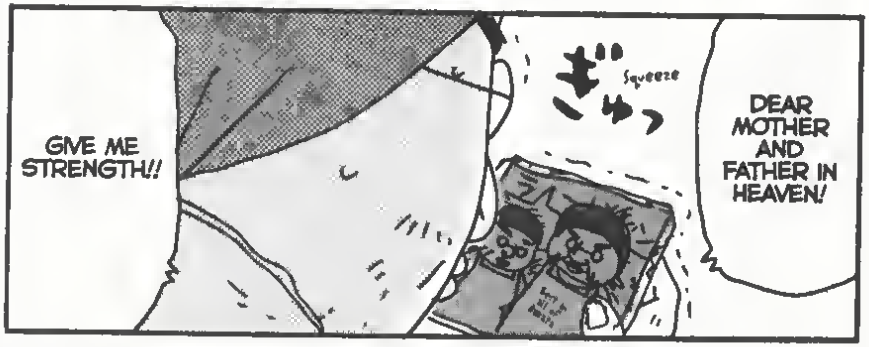
Stare
...
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!!
Fight!
Hurray! Hurray! Taisho!!
TAISHO!! GIVE IT YOUR ALL!!


GIVE ME STRENGTH!!
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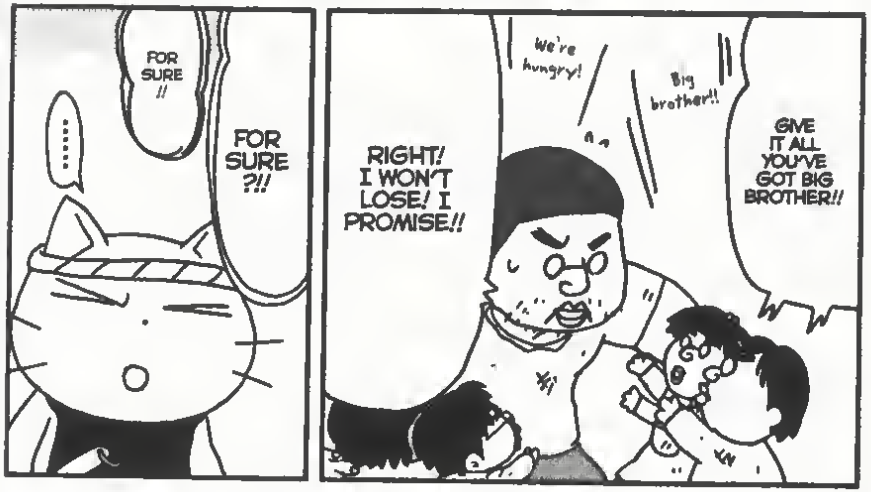
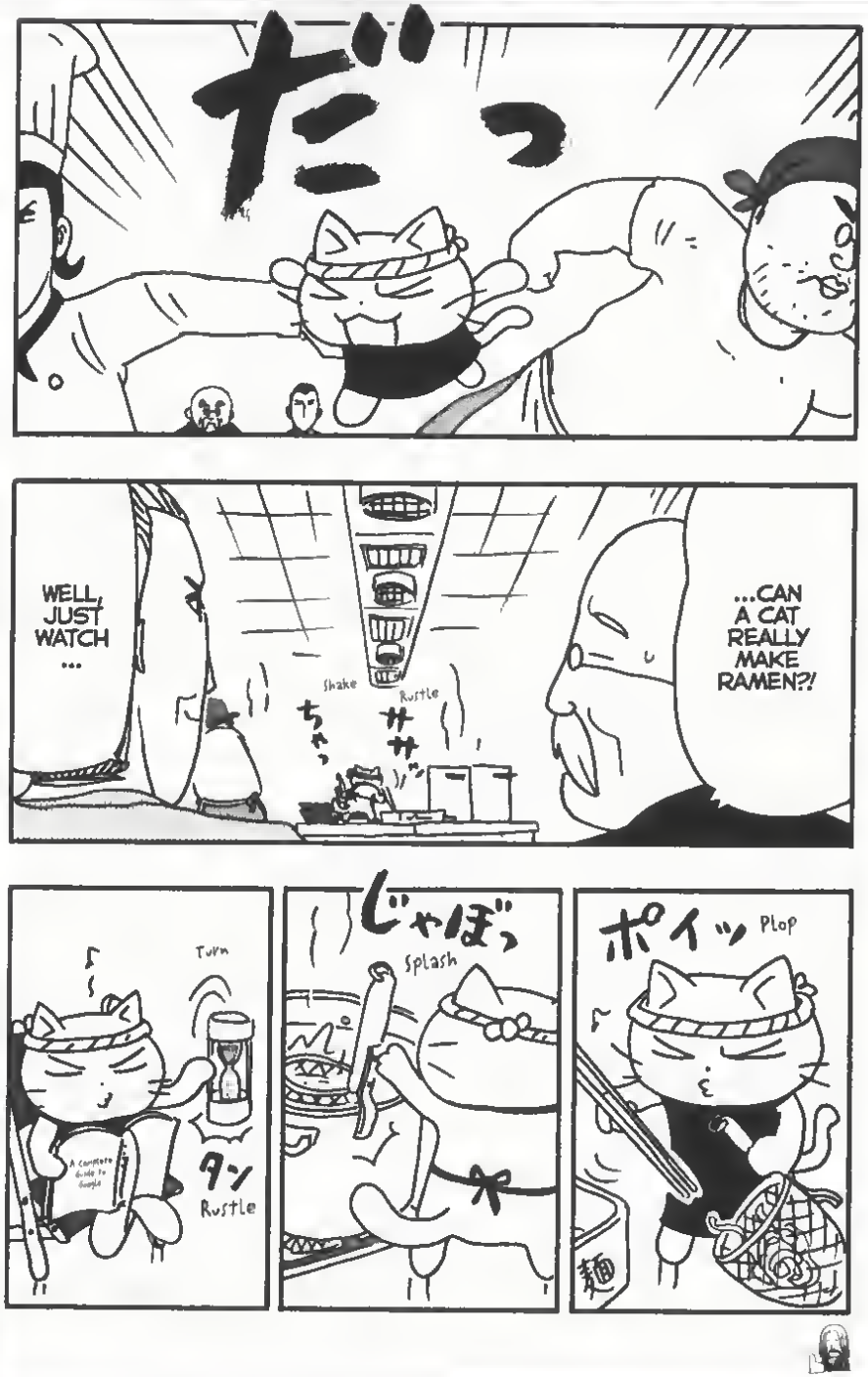
Squeeze
DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER IN HEAVEN!


FOR SURE ?!!
.....
FOR SURE !!
We're hungry!
Big brother!!
RIGHT! I WON'T LOSE! I PROMISE!!
GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT BIG BROTHER!!

IF HE WINS IT COULD DRAW US SOME MAJOR PUBLICITY!!
HMMM...
OHHH!!
Shake
Shake
Incredible!!
Fight, Big brother!
Spill
OH NO! I SPILLED THE PEPPER !!
Go Big Brother, Go!
Clack
Clack
OHHH... DON'T PANIC, DON'T PANIC...
And that'll be a piece of cake!
Chop
NOW I JUST HAVE TO BEAT THAT FREAK SHOW CAT AND I WIN!
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
Chop
HEH...THAT GUY'S NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS!
Grrr
HHHH


WELL, JUST WATCH ...
Shake
Rustle
...CAN A CAT REALLY MAKE RAMEN?!
Turn
Rustle
Splash
Plop

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Fssss
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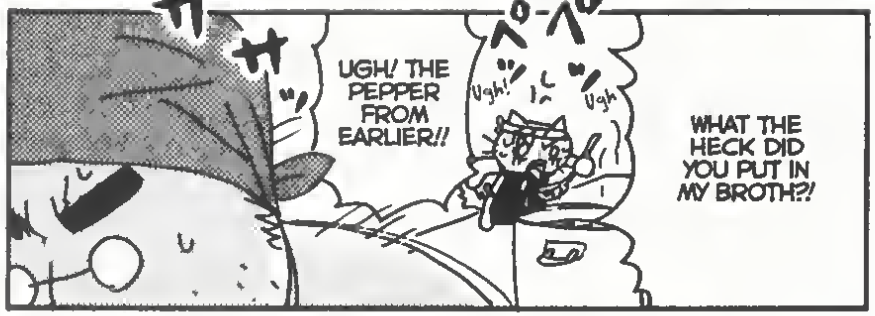
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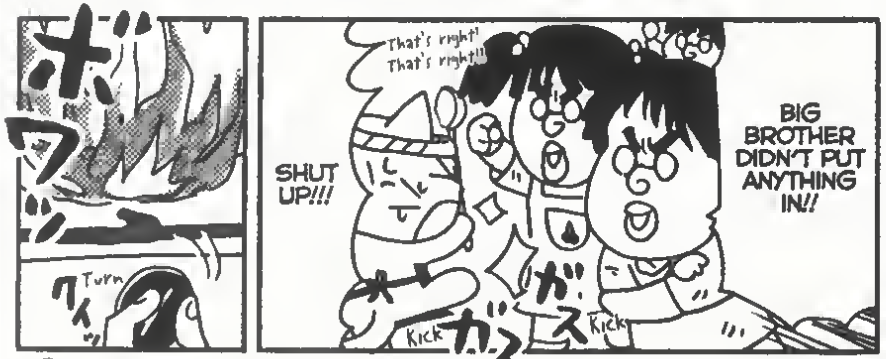
UGH! THE PEPPER FROM EARLIER!!
Ugh!
Ugh
WHAT THE HECK DID YOU PUT IN MY BROTH?!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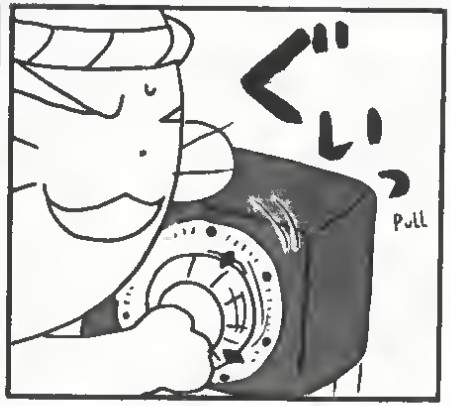
Turn
That's right!
That's right!!!
SHUT UP!!!
BIG BROTHER DIDN'T PUT ANYTHING IN!!
Kick
ガス
Kick

しゃっ
Tick tock tick
OKAY!
THE CHAR SIU IS DONE!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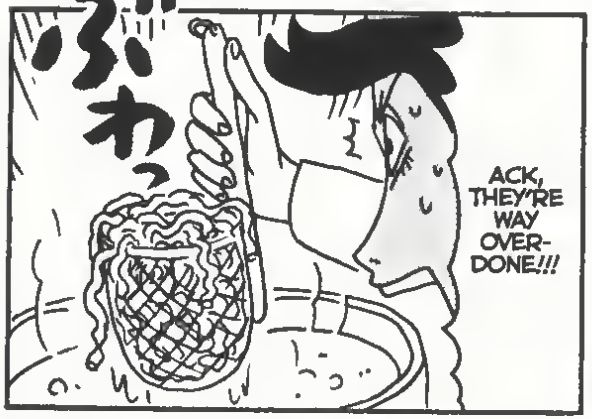
Pull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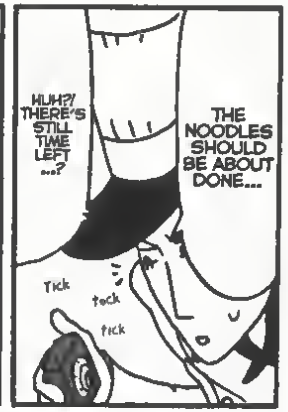
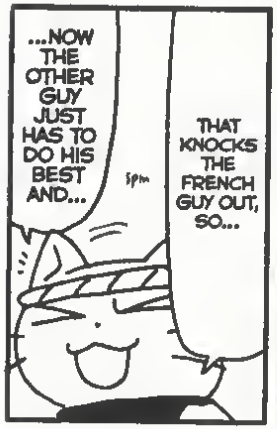
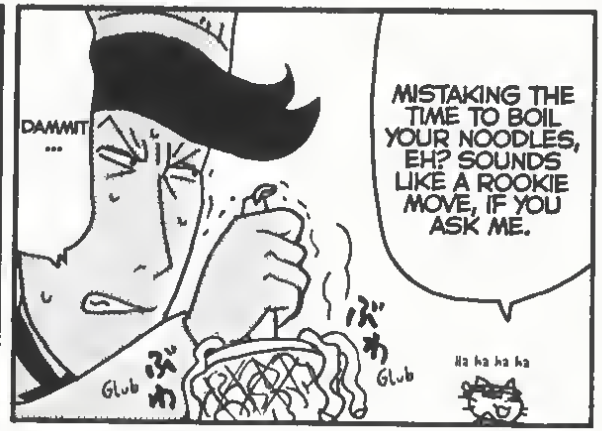
ACK, THEY'RE WAY OVER-DONE!!!


HUH?! THERE'S STILL TIME LEFT ...?
THE NOODLES SHOULD BE ABOUT DONE...
Tick
tock
tick


...NOW THE OTHER GUY JUST HAS TO DO HIS BEST AND...
5pm
THAT KNOCKS THE FRENCH GUY OUT, SO...


DAMMIT ...
MISTAKING THE TIME TO BOIL YOUR NOODLES, EH? SOUNDS LIKE A ROOKIE MOVE, IF YOU ASK ME.
Glub
ぶわ
Glub
Ha ha ha ha

You jerk!
Take that!
パコーン
ガシャン
Thud
バリーン
Rrrip
Clunk
Clatter
バチャン
Crash
ガシャン

HEEEY!! MY BROTH!!
Bubble
ボコン
Boil
ボコン
Bubble
ボコン
Heh heh heh...
ボー
Stir
まぜ
Stir
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WHAT ARE YOU MIXING IN?!
Plop
ボチャン
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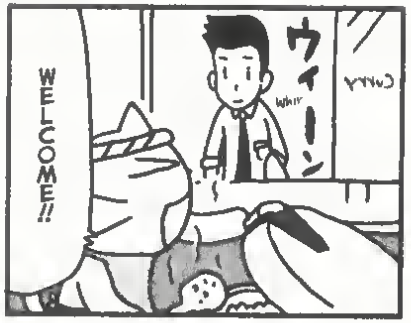
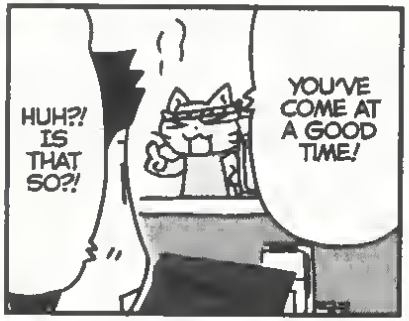
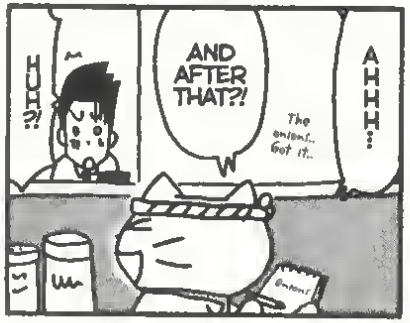
ポイ
ポイ
MY BOWLS !!!







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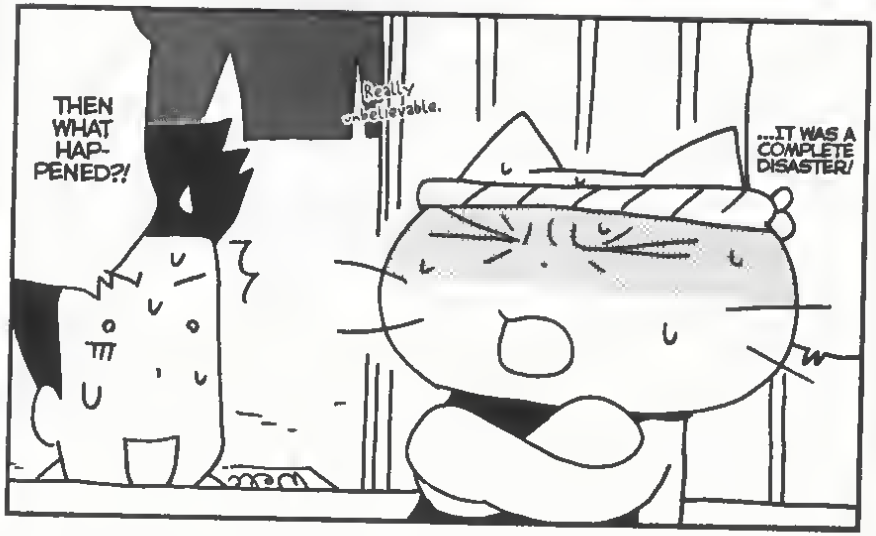
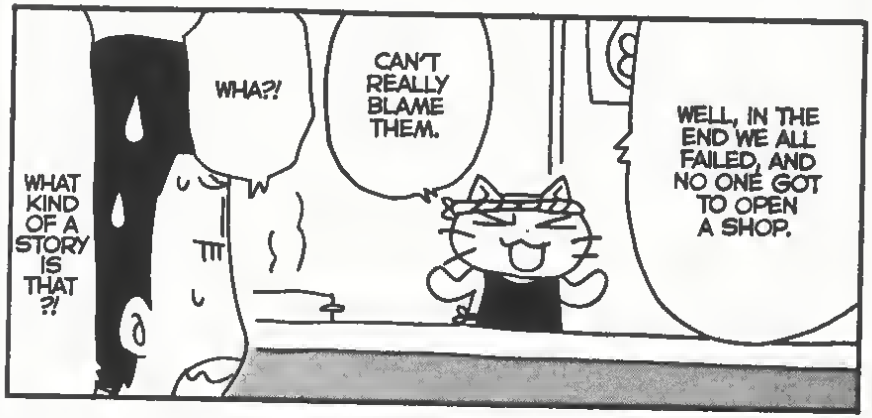
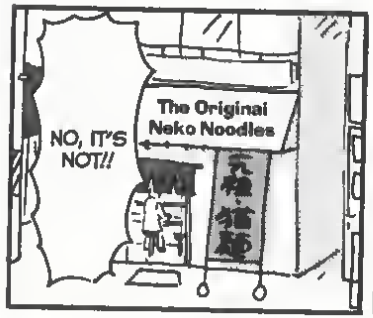
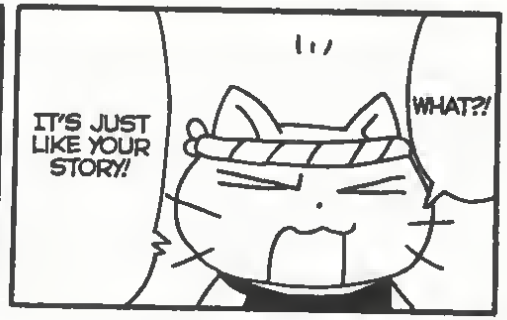
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

Chapter 2









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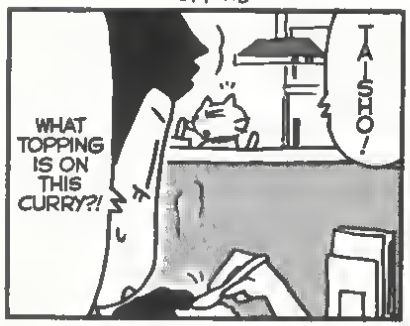

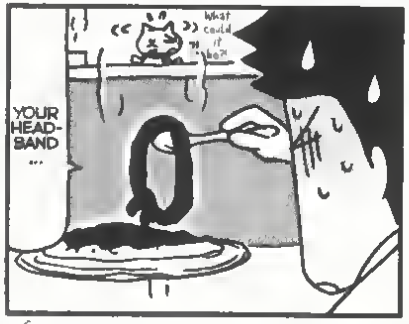

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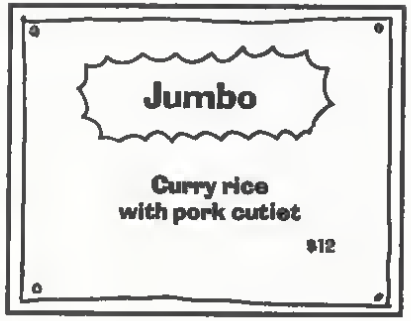

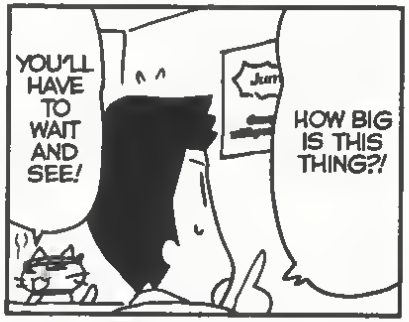

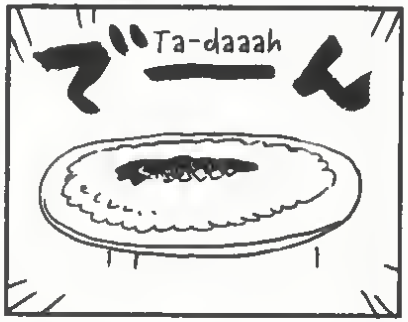

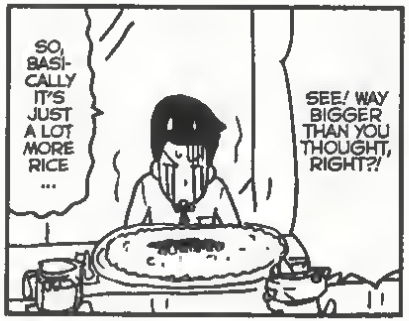

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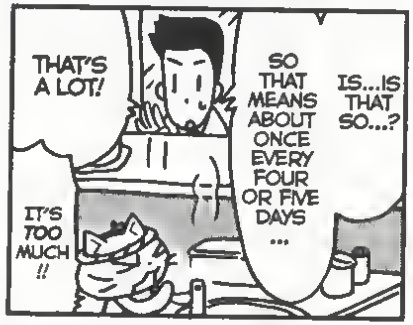
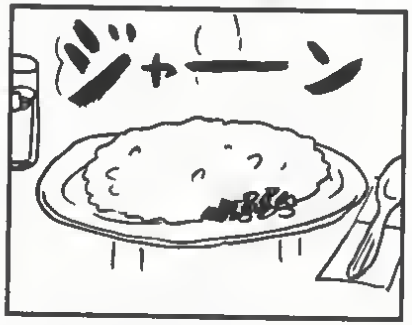
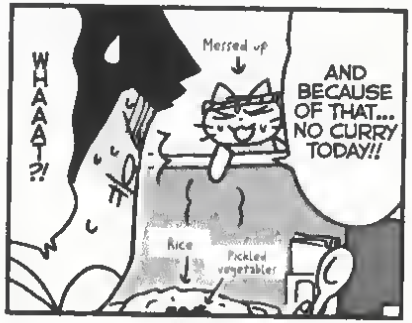




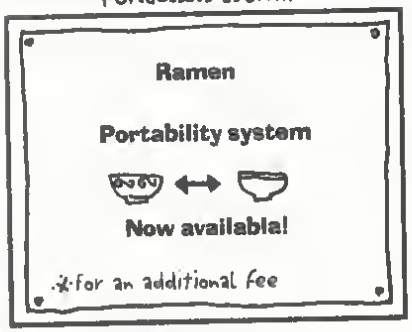


Amber

猫ラーメン

Chapter 17

Portability system



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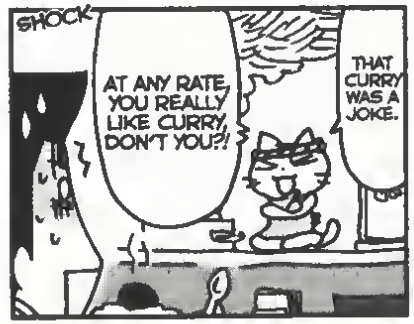

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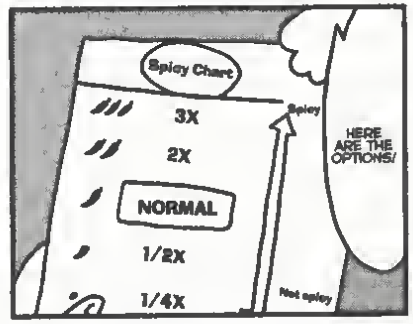
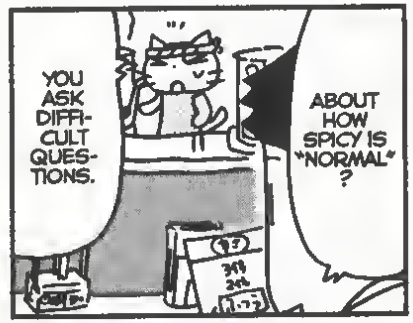
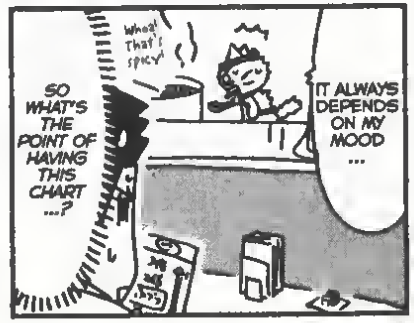
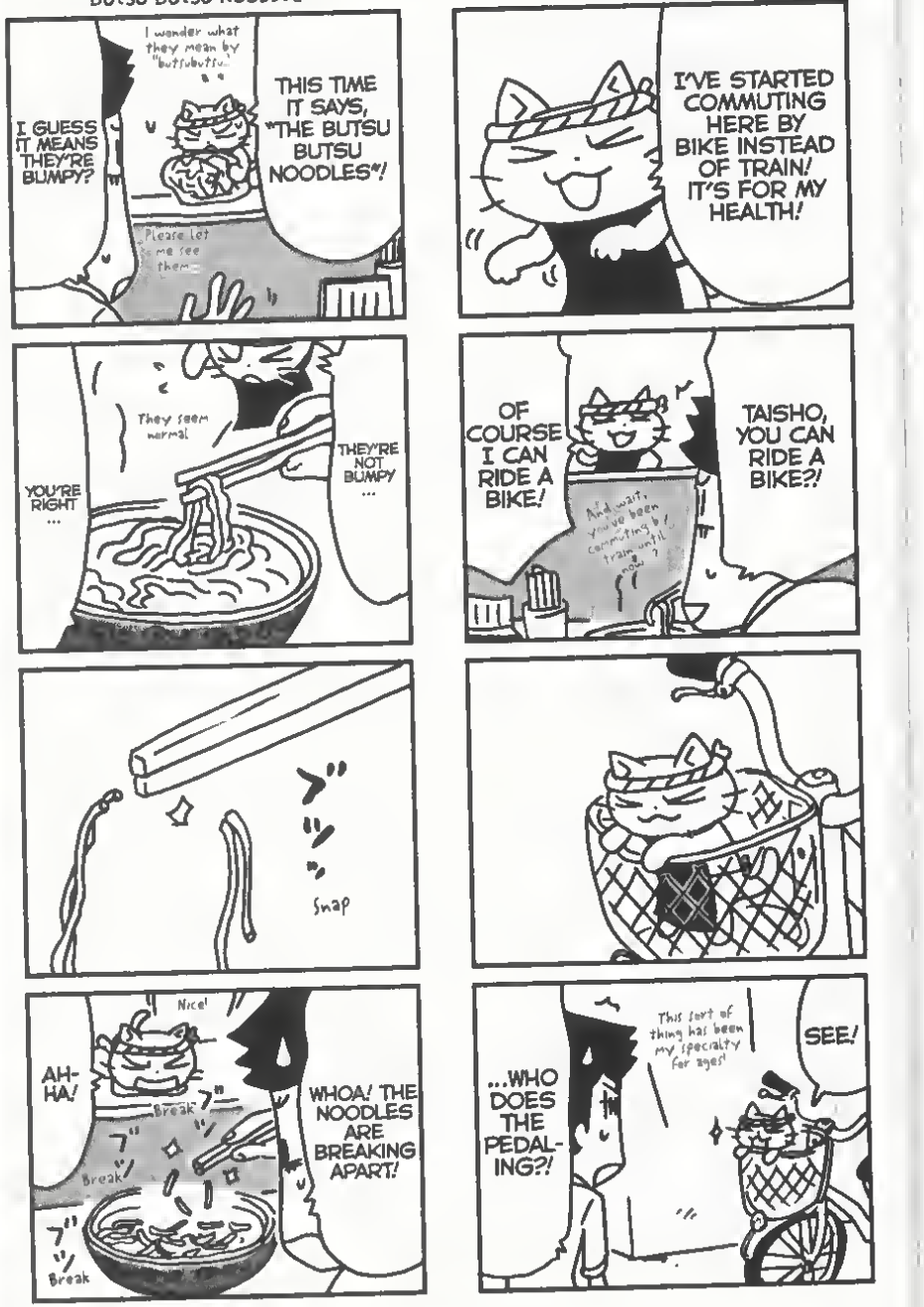






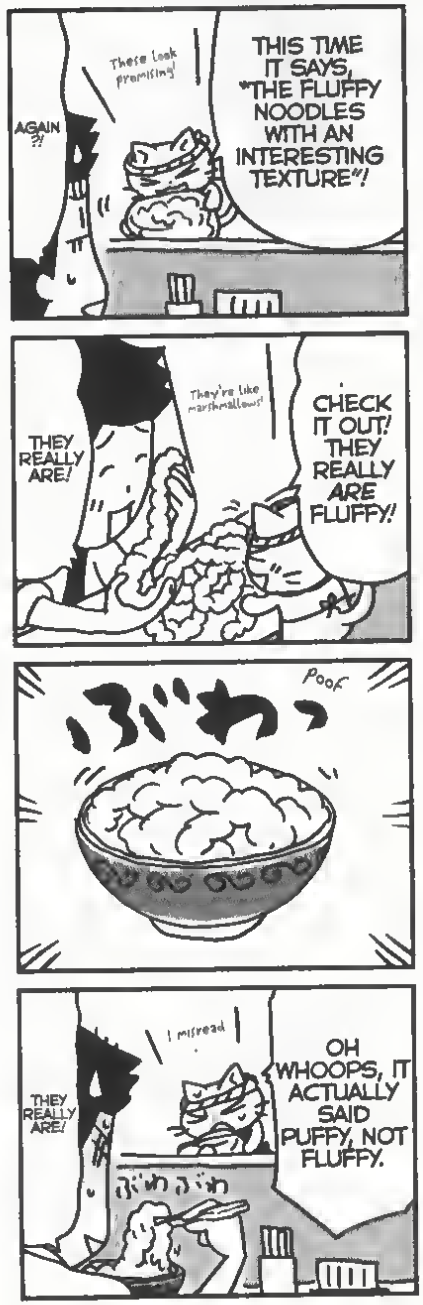
Butsu Butsu Noodles



Bicycle Commuting

I'VE STARTED COMMUTING HERE BY BIKE INSTEAD OF TRAIN! IT'S FOR MY HEALTH!
OF COURSE I CAN RIDE A BIKE!
And wait, you've been commuting by train until now?
TAISHO, YOU CAN RIDE A BIKE?!
This sort of thing has been my specialty for ages!
SEE!
...WHO DOES THE PEDALING?!

New Merchant 2

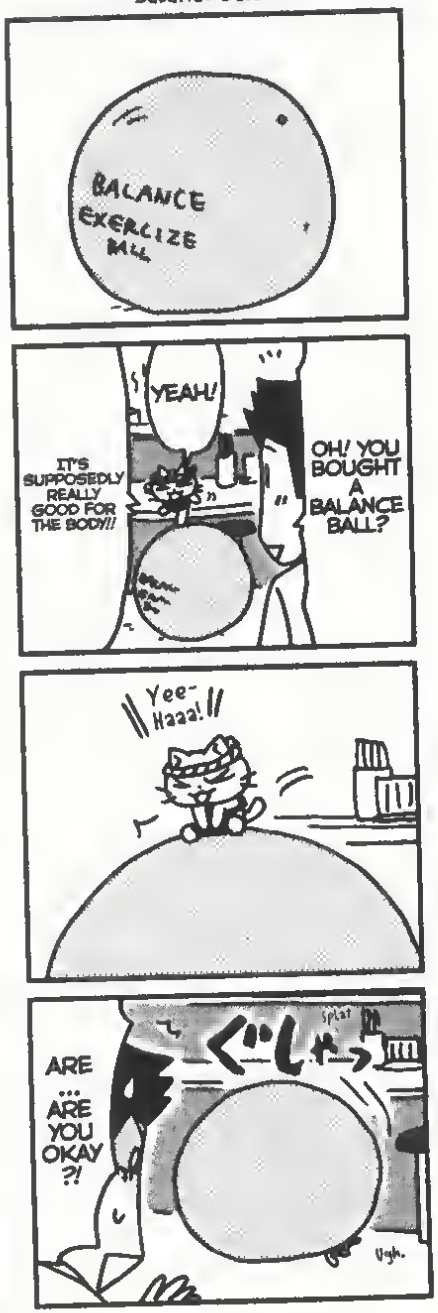

These look promising!
AGAIN ?!
THIS TIME IT SAYS, "THE FLUFFY NOODLES WITH AN INTERESTING TEXTURE"!
They're like marshmallows!
THEY REALLY ARE!
CHECK IT OUT! THEY REALLY ARE FLUFFY!
Poof
ぶわっ
I misread
THEY REALLY ARE!
OH WHOOPS, IT ACTUALLY SAID PUFFY, NOT FLUFFY.

New Merchant

IT SAYS, "THE EXPANDING NOODLES WITH AN INTERESTING TEXTURE"!
OOOH...
A NEW MERCHANT WANTS TO SELL US NOODLES. SHALL WE TRY THEM?
Poof
ぶわっ
IS THAT SO?! IN-TERESTING!!
NO... THEY JUST GOT WAY TOO PUFFY ALMOST IMMEDIATELY ...
SO?! ARE THEY INTER-ESTING?!

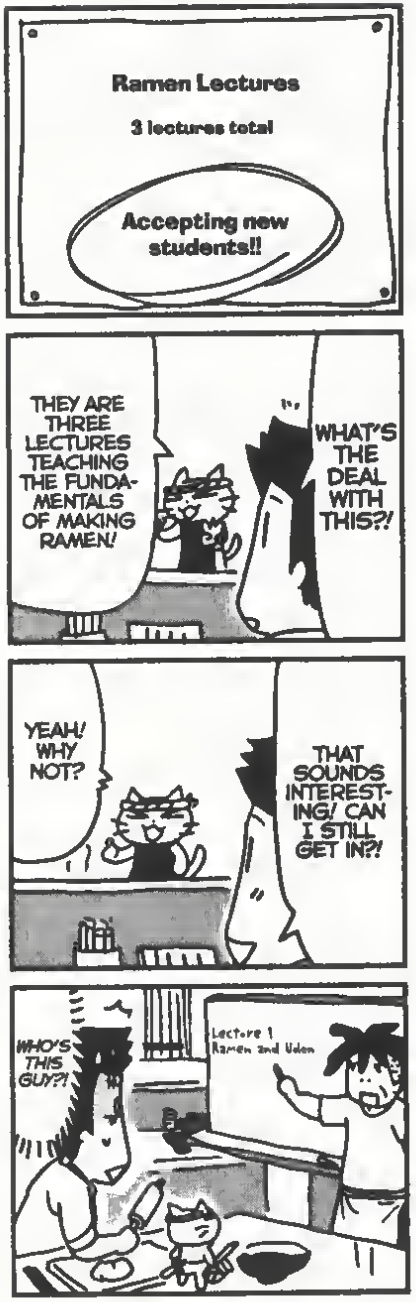
Replacement

Balance Ball



Correct

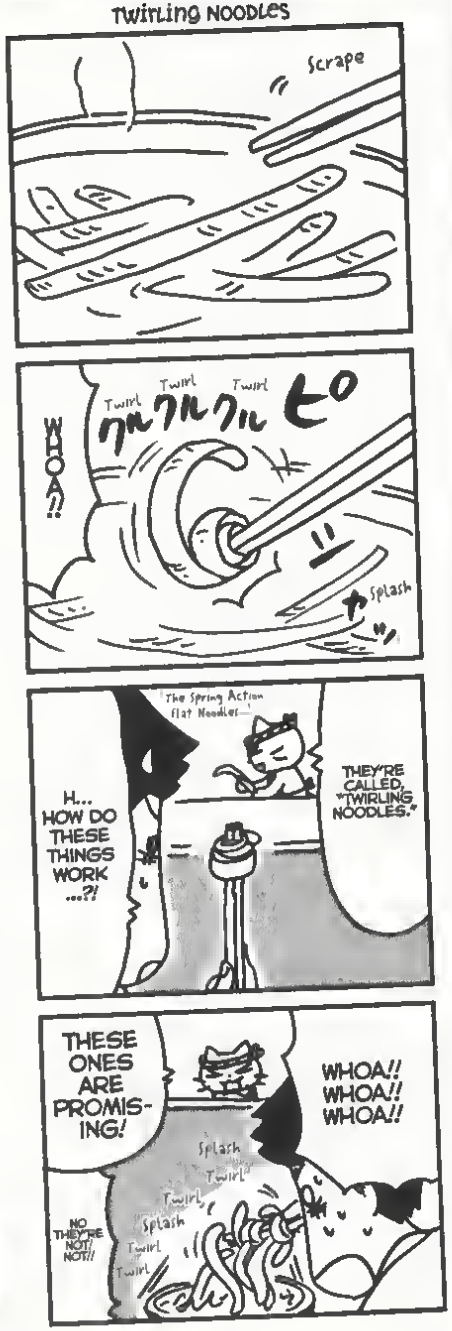
Ramen Lectures


Ramen Lectures
3 lectures total
Accepting new students!!
THEY ARE THREE LECTURES TEACHING THE FUNDA-MENTALS OF MAKING RAMEN!
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THIS?!
YEAH! WHY NOT?
THAT SOUNDS INTERES-TING! CAN I STILL GET IN?!
WHO'S THIS GUY?!
Lecture 1
Ramen and Udon

Rejection

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
Not many do these days!
YOU HAVE WONDERFUL TASTE!
UNDERSTOOD! I SHALL RETURN!
You're almost there!
I STILL CAN'T ACCEPT YET, BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED. KEEP COMING!
HUH?! THAT GUY FROM JUST NOW BROUGHT THEM?!
Interesting eh?
THIS TIME IT SAYS, "PRICKLE NOODLES"!

Twirling Noodles



Other Days

Every day of the month that ends with a **five** is...

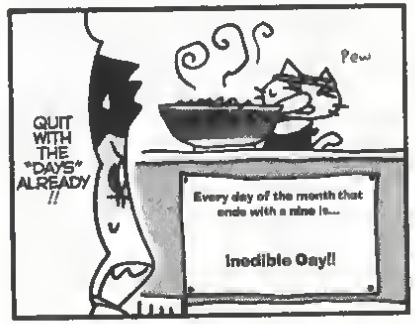
Deception Day!!

Every day of the month that ends with a **six** is...

Cursed Day!!

Every day of tha month that ends with a **seven** is...

Nothing Day!!

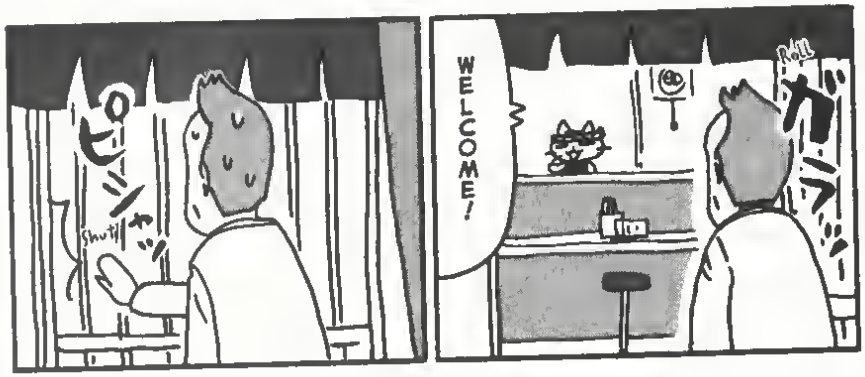


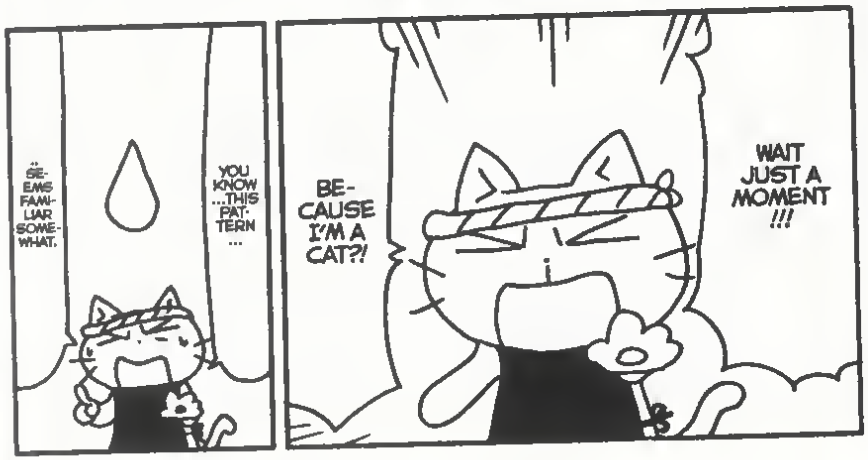
Miso Ramen Day

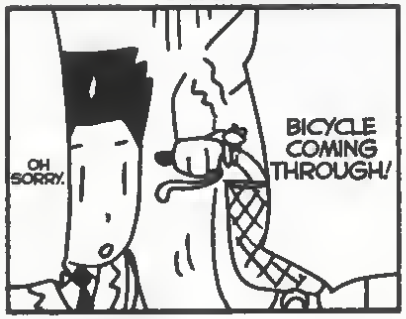
Every day of the month that ends with a **three** is...

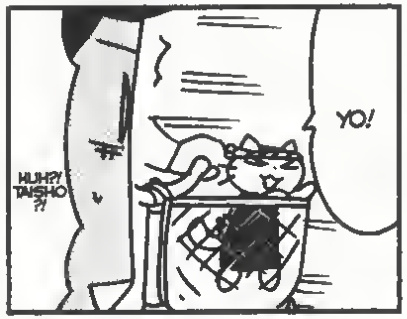
Miso Ramen Day!!

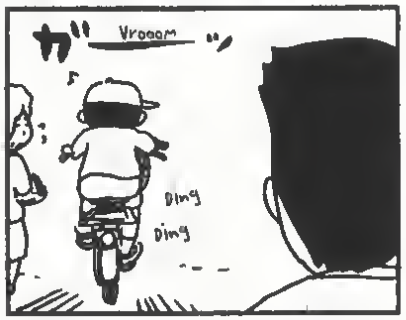
OH!


Shuff
WELCOME!
Roll

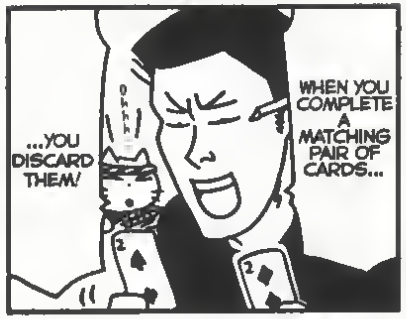

...SEEMS FAMILIAR SOMEWHAT.
YOU KNOW ...THIS PATTERN ...
BECAUSE I'M A CAT?!
WAIT JUST A MOMENT !!!


OH SORRY.
BICYCLE COMING THROUGH!


HUH?! TAISHO ?!
YO!


Vroom
Ding
Ding

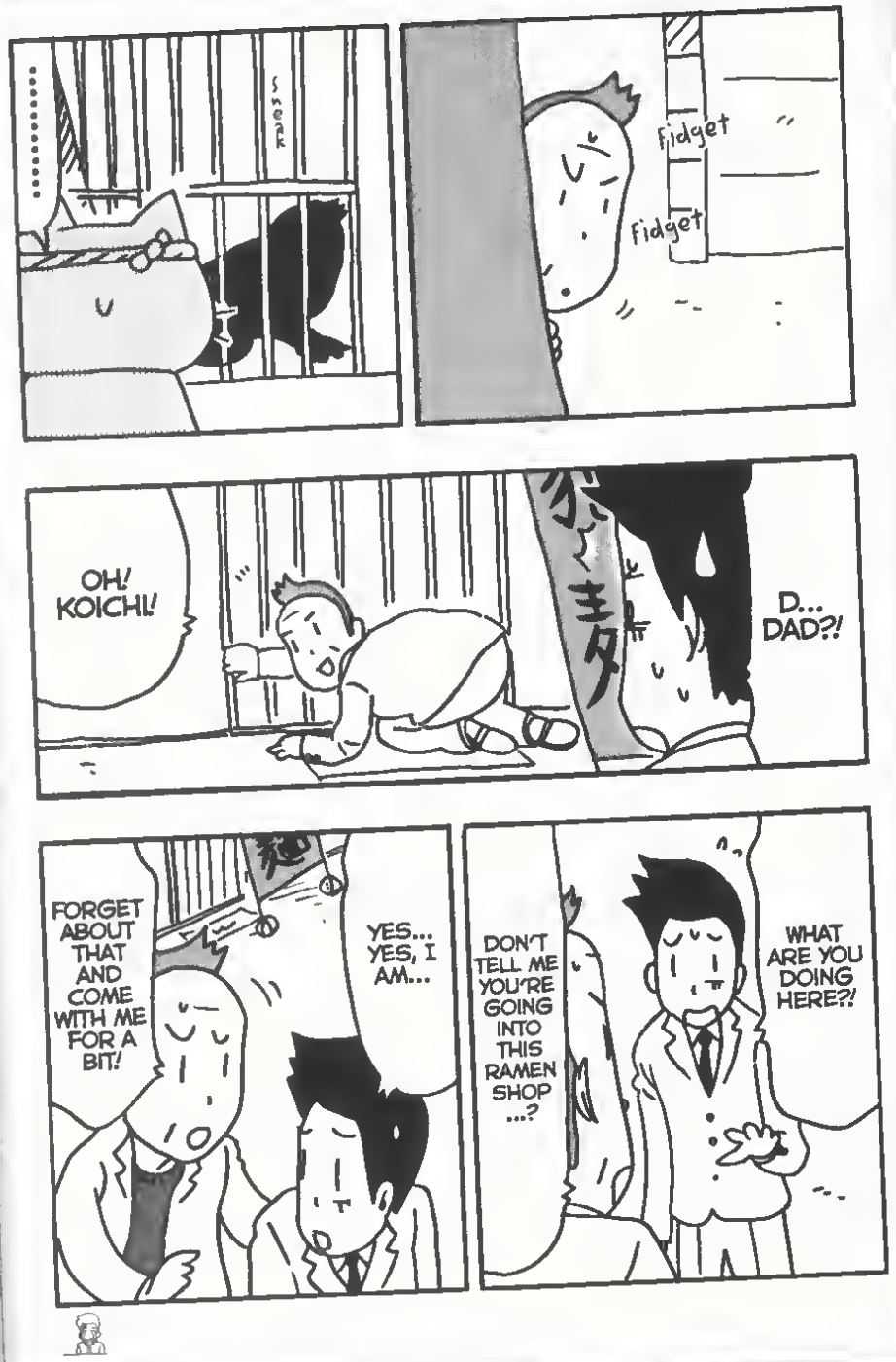
WHO WAS PEDALING?! I NEED TO KNOW!
WHAAAT?!


...YOU DISCARD THEM!
WHEN YOU COMPLETE A MATCHING PAIR OF CARDS...

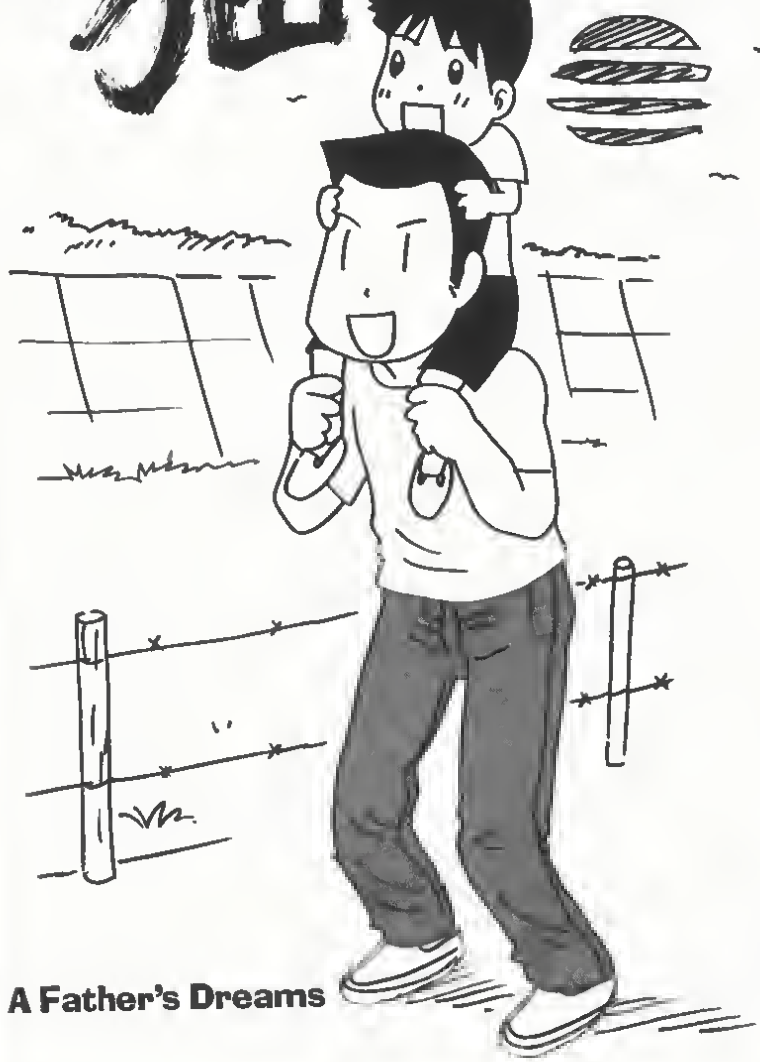
THERE!
Rustle
LIKE THIS ONE AND THIS ONE ...

THERE'S A SET!
Rustle
Rustle
THERE'S A SET!

Rustle Rustle
GOT IT!! LET'S START!
GET IT?!
I'm not going to lose!


snore
Fidget
Fidget
OH! KOICHI!
D... DAD?!
FORGET ABOUT THAT AND COME WITH ME FOR A BIT!
YES... YES, I AM...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING INTO THIS RAMEN SHOP ...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

猫ラーメン

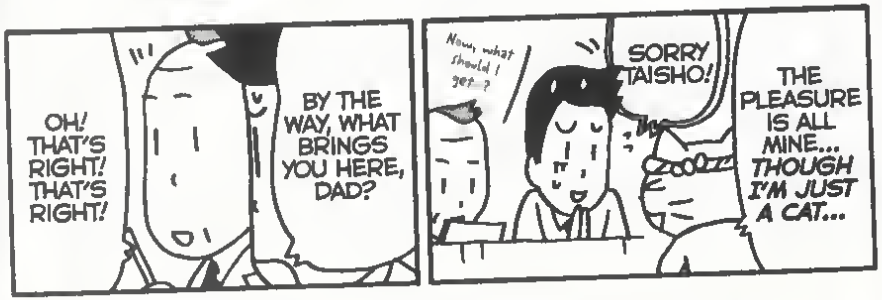


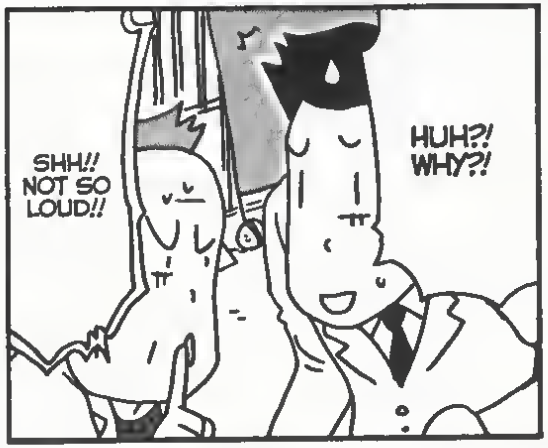
A Father's Dreams

OH... SORRY TAISHO... WE'RE COMING IN!
SO, ARE YOU TWO COMING IN OR NOT!?

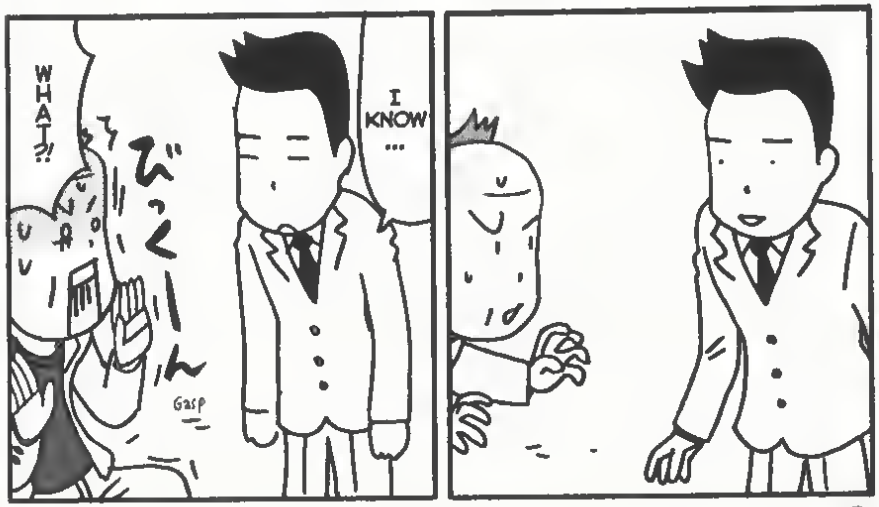
YEAH... I EAT HERE ALL THE TIME...
SO YOU KNOW THIS PLACE?
TWO IT IS THEN. WELCOME!

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER MY SON!
WHAT? REALLY ?!
bow
OH. TAISHO, THIS IS MY FATHER ...


OH! THAT'S RIGHT! THAT'S RIGHT!
BY THE WAY, WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, DAD?
Now, what should I get...?
SORRY TAISHO!
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE... THOUGH I'M JUST A CAT...


SHH!! NOT SO LOUD!!
HUH?! WHY?!
YOU SHOULDN'T GO IN THERE!

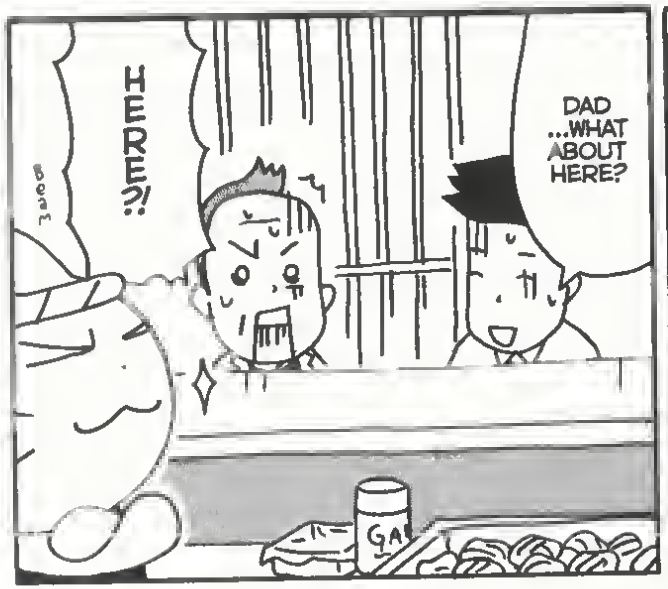
...A CAT!!
GET THIS. THE SHOP-KEEPER IS...


WHAT?!
I KNOW ...
びっくーん
Gasp

HUH?!
Perk
I'D LIKE YOUR ADVICE REGARDING THAT, SON. DO YOU KNOW OF A GOOD RAMEN SHOP SOMEWHERE?

NO WAY! NO WAY!!
Paint
Paint

HEY!!
OH... REALLY...?
I THOUGHT I'D TRAIN AT A SHOP SOMEWHERE TO STRENGTHEN MY ABILITY AND THEN SURPRISE YOUR MOTHER!


HERE?!
Beat
DAD ...WHAT ABOUT HERE?

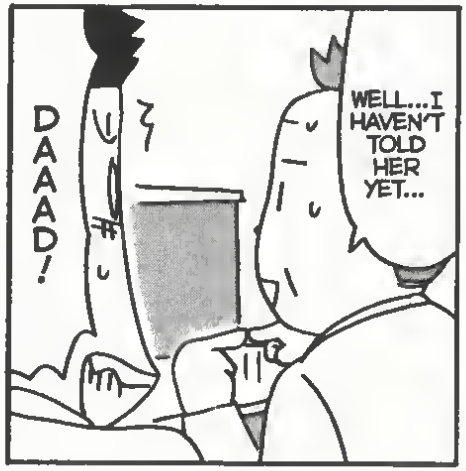
ギロッ
Glare
URGHHHHH...

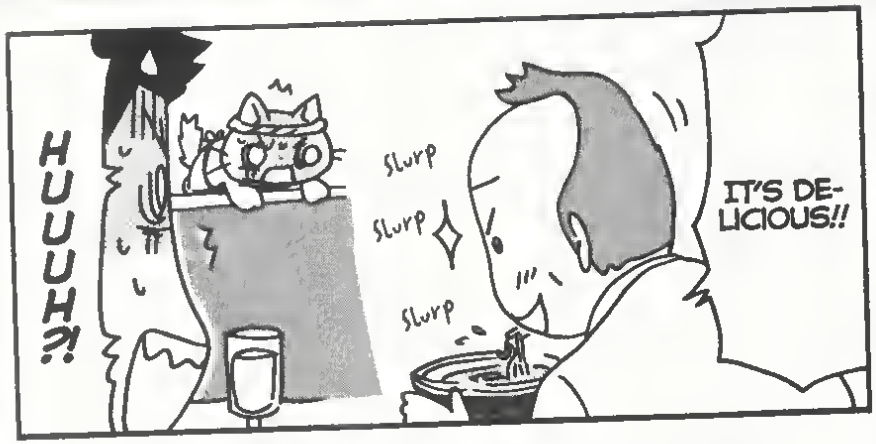
WHAAAT?!
YOU WANT TO OPEN A RAMEN SHOP?!!

SHE'S OKAY WITH THIS?!
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT OPENING A SHOP WITH YOUR MOTHER AFTER RETIRING ...

I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT THIS DREAM !!
YES...IT'S BEEN MY DREAM FOR MANY YEARS...

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
wa ha ha
HOW COULD I TELL HER?! I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY MADE RAMEN BEFORE!!


DAAAD!
WELL...I HAVEN'T TOLD HER YET...


HUUUH?!
Slurp
Slurp
Slurp
IT'S DE-LICIOUS!!

YES?!
MASTER!!

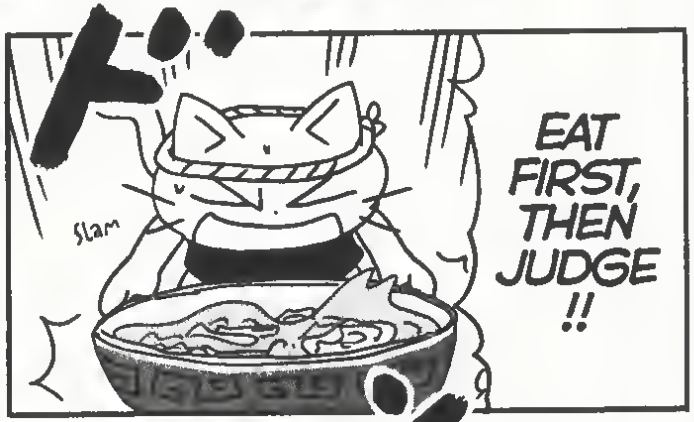
NO...I JUST...
WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED, TAISHO?!

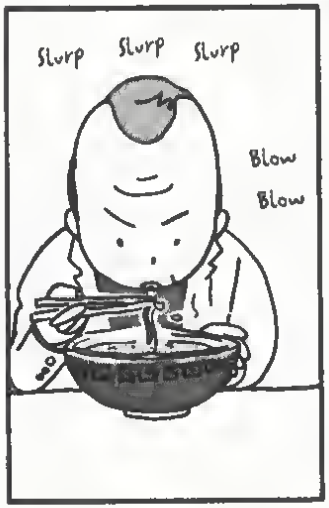
NOPE, IT'S THE SAME...
COULD IT BE THAT HE GOT IT RIGHT—?

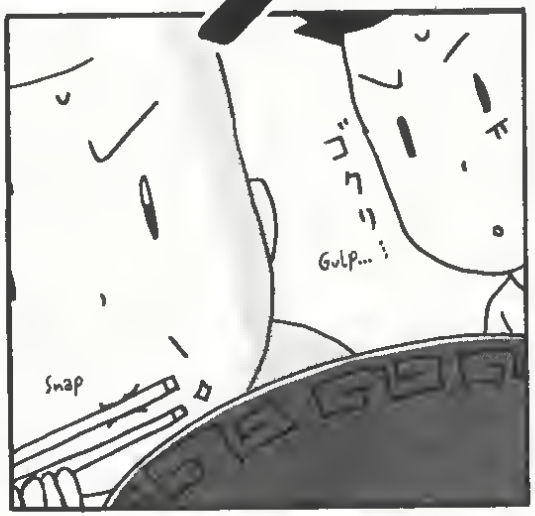
SERIOUSLY?!
OF... COURSE!
I PLACE MYSELF IN YOUR HANDS!

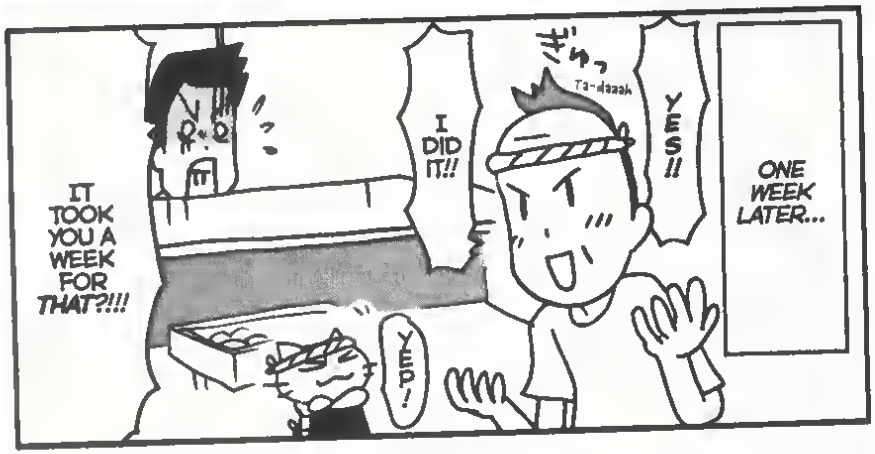
カチン
Grrr
I KNOW...
Well, you know...
THIS PLACE? WELL... THIS PLACE IS...

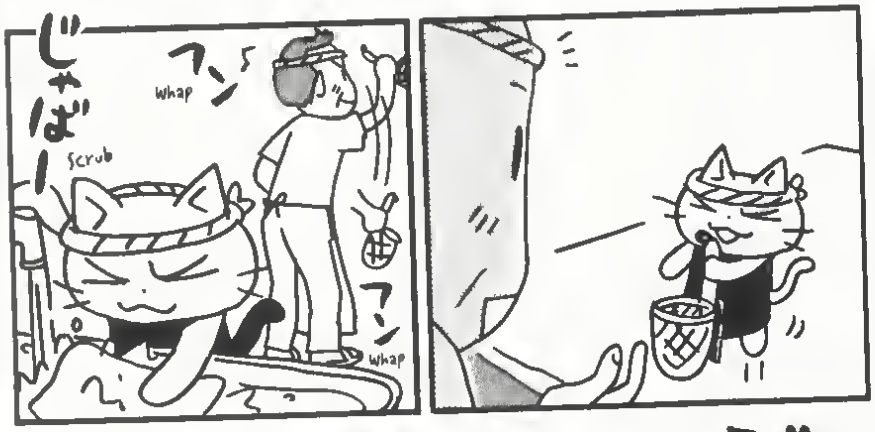
YOU KNOW... I FEEL LIKE I'VE SAID THAT BEFORE TOO...

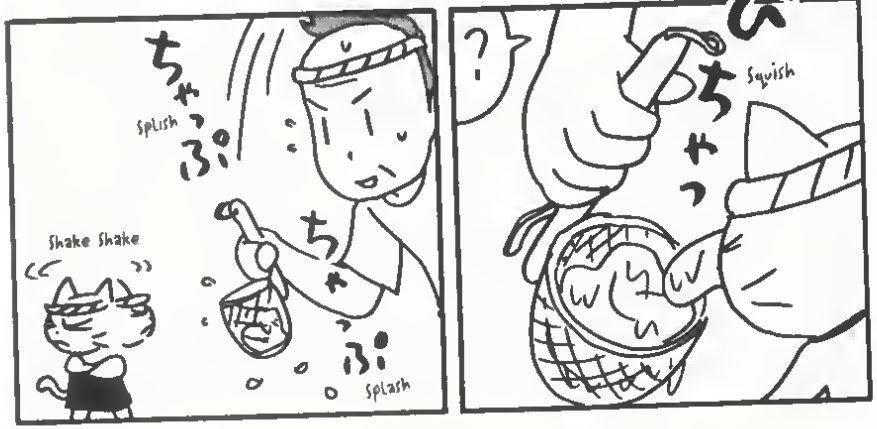

ドン
Slam
EAT FIRST, THEN JUDGE!!


Slurp Slurp Slurp
Blow Blow


ゴクリ
Gulp...
Snap

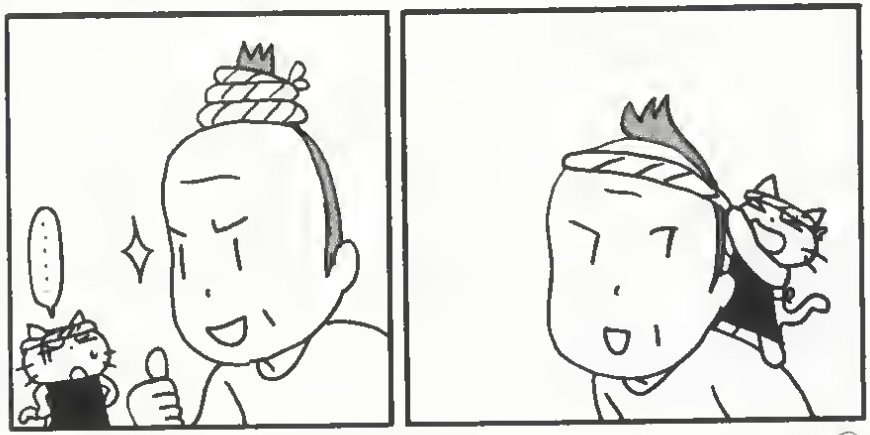

IT TOOK YOU A WEEK FOR THAT?!!!
YEP!
I DID IT!!
Ta-daaah
YES!!
ONE WEEK LATER...

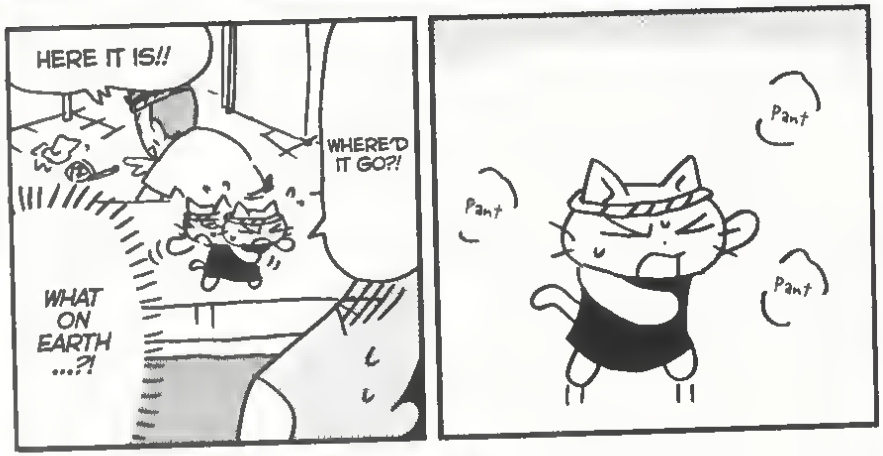

Scrub
Whap
Whap


Splish
Splash
Shake Shake
Squish

STARTING THEN, MY FATHER AND TAISHO BEGAN A SPECIAL INTENSIVE TRAINING REGIMEN.

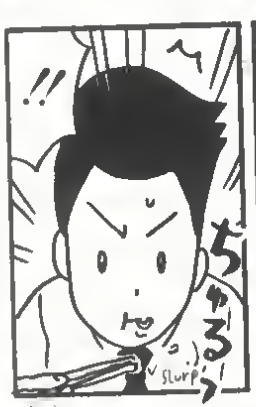
Muffle
Muffle
Squeeeeze




HERE IT IS!!
WHERE'D IT GO?!
WHAT ON EARTH ...?!

Pant
Pant
Pant

DID YOU REALLY TRAIN PROPER-LY?!
OKAY, TRY IT OUT!
THE FINAL TEST ...
AND ONE MONTH LATER ...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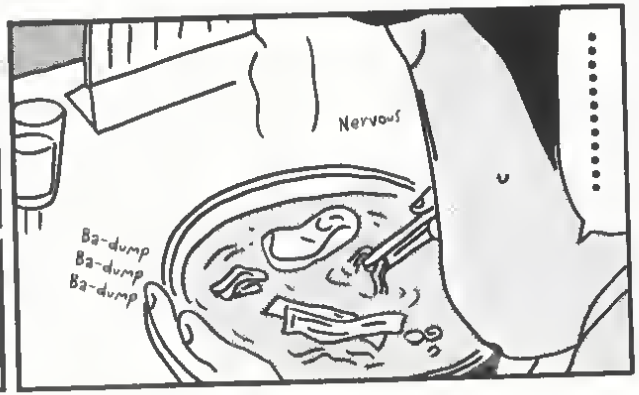
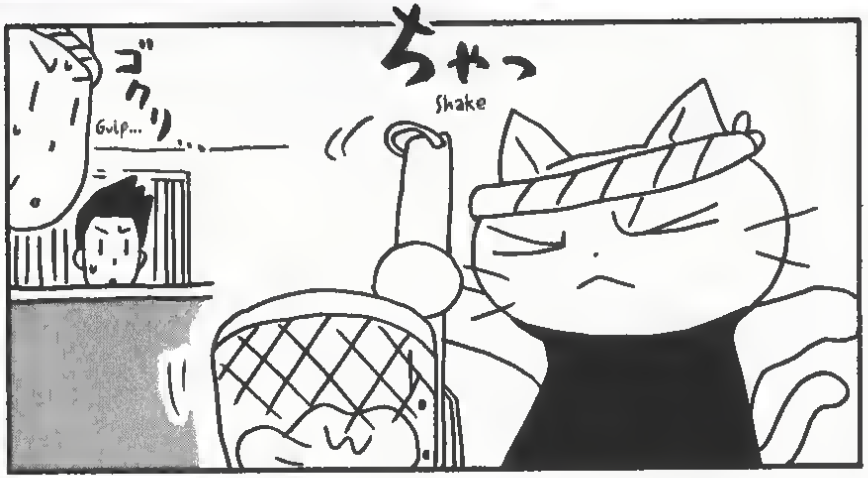
Slurp

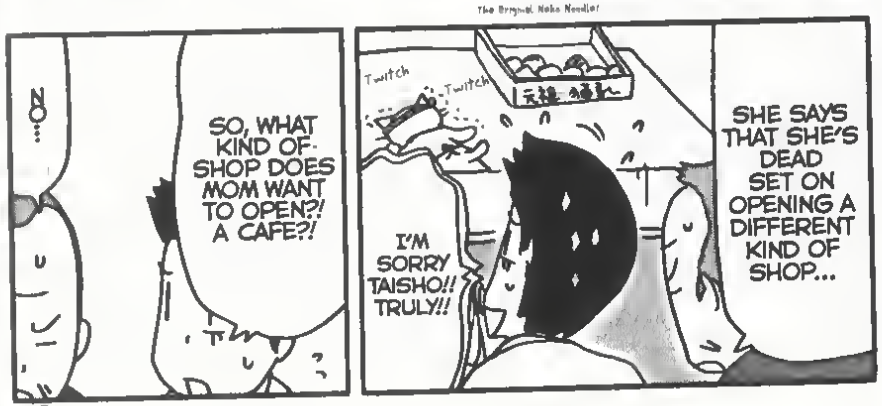

Nervous
Ba-dump
Ba-dump
Ba-dump

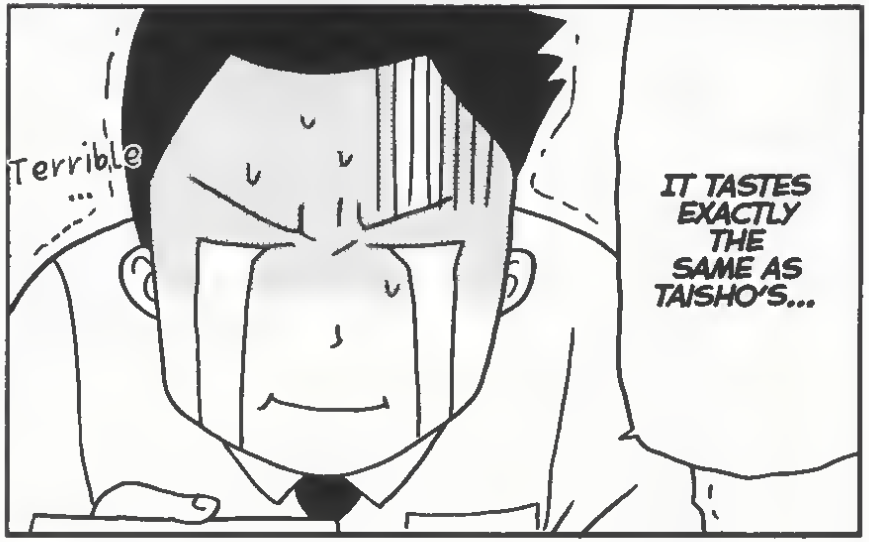

ゴクリ
Gulp...
ちゃっ
Shake

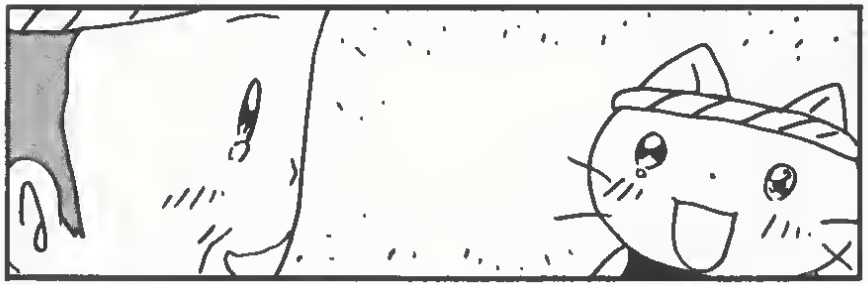
ばばば

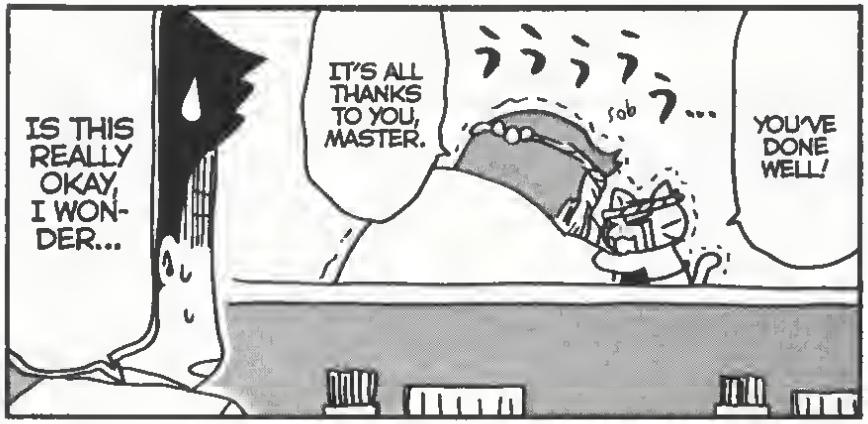
OH, DAD! SO, IS EVERYTHING GOING WELL WITH THE PREPARATIONS FOR OPENING YOUR SHOP?
ガラッ
Roll
NO PROBLEM! NO PROBLEM!
I'M REALLY SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE...
A FEW DAYS LATER ...

WHAAAT?!
ガーン
Shock
YOUR MOTHER SAYS NO.
I CAN'T HAVE A RAMEN SHOP...

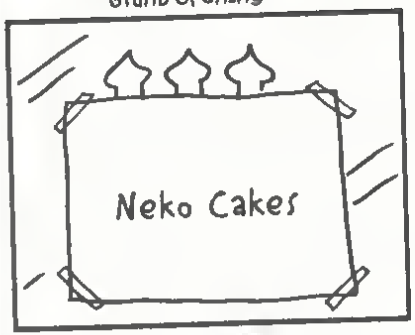

NO...
SO, WHAT KIND OF SHOP DOES MOM WANT TO OPEN?! A CAFE?!
Twitch
Twitch
I'M SORRY TAISHO!! TRULY!!
SHE SAYS THAT SHE'S DEAD SET ON OPENING A DIFFERENT KIND OF SHOP...

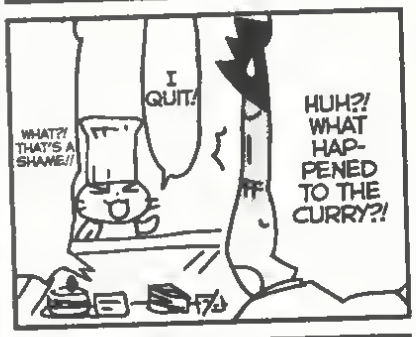

Terrible...
IT TASTES EXACTLY THE SAME AS TAISHO'S...

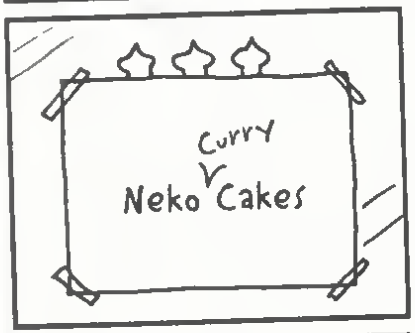


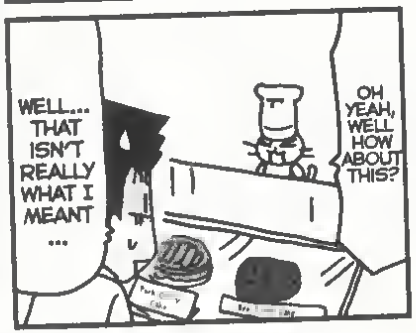

IS THIS REALLY OKAY, I WONDER...
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, MASTER.
うううう
Sob
う...
YOU'VE DONE WELL!

Grand Opening





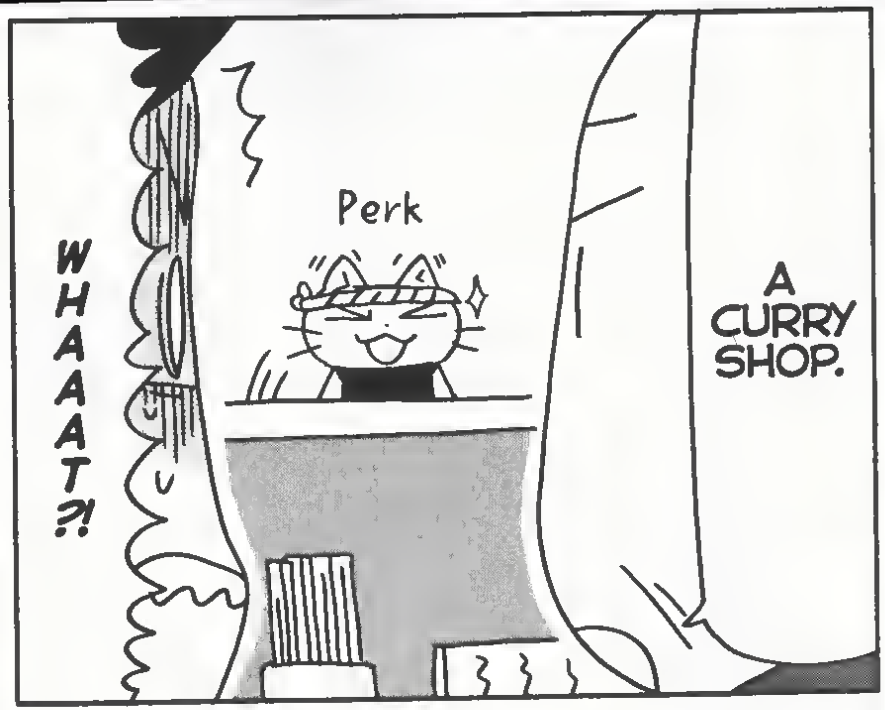


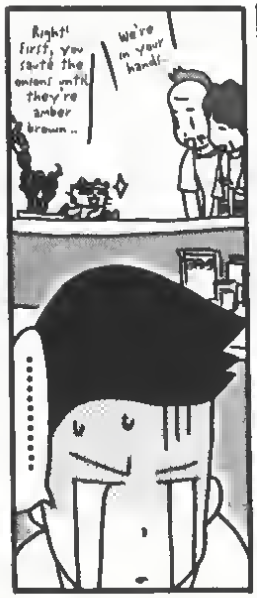


猫ラーメンの猫カレー

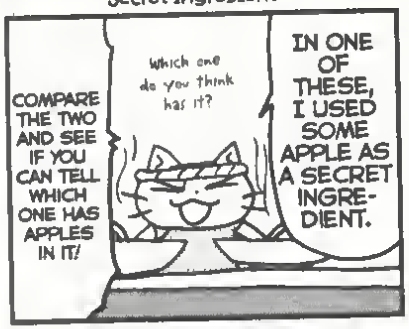
Neko Ramen's Neko Curry

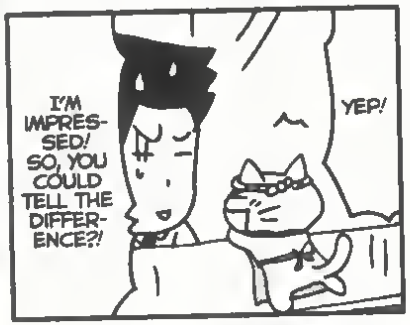
Chapter 3

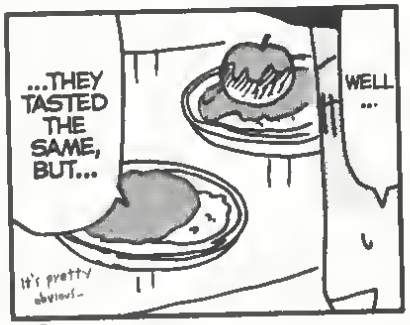




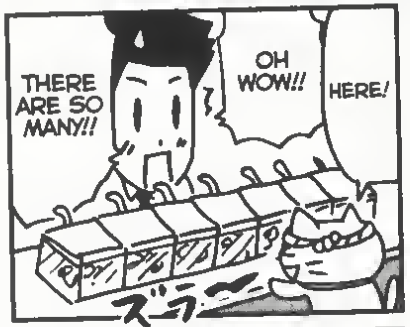
Secret Ingredient

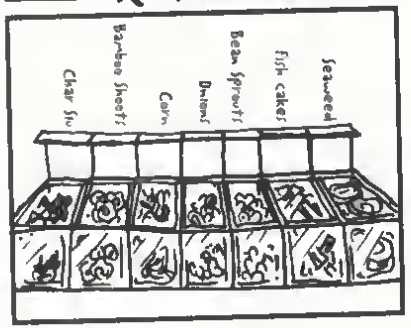

COMPARE THE TWO AND SEE IF YOU CAN TELL WHICH ONE HAS APPLES IN IT!
Which one do you think has it?
IN ONE OF THESE, I USED SOME APPLE AS A SECRET INGREDIENT.



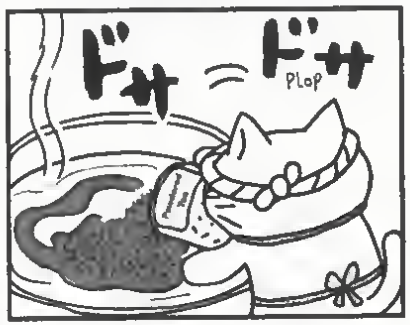


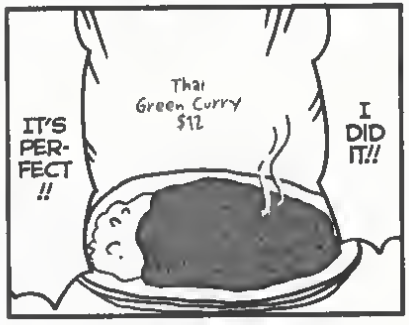
Condiments

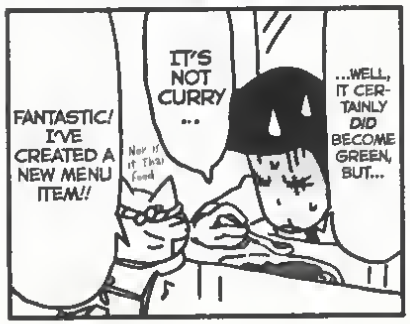




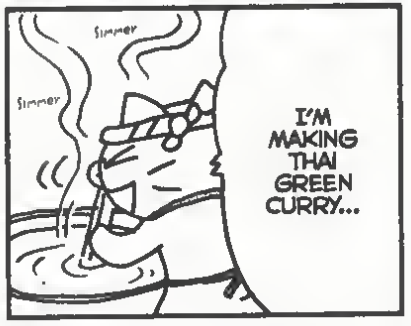
Success







Recipe



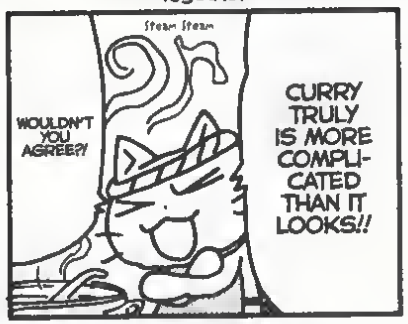
Special Section

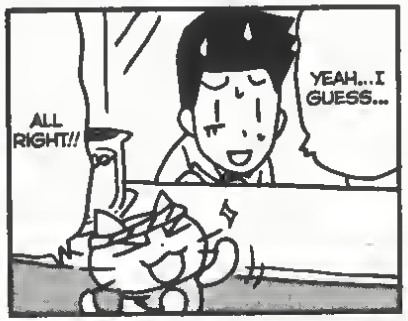
THIS IS THE SECOND SHOP GUY!!

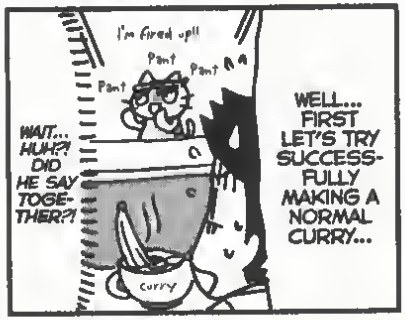
- Occupation: Manager of the Second Shop
- Commonly Known As: Second Shop Guy
- Age: 27
- Blood Type: Type O
- Height: 5'10"
- Weight: 181lbs
- Birthday: September 17th
- Sign: Virgo
- Birthplace: Miyazaki Prefecture
- Hobbies: Movies, collecting figurines
- Residence: Lives with his cat
- Favorite way to spend days off: Taking walks around the neighborhood
- Favorite animals: His parakeets
- Favorite sport: Badminton (he's competed in a national tournament)

Thanks!

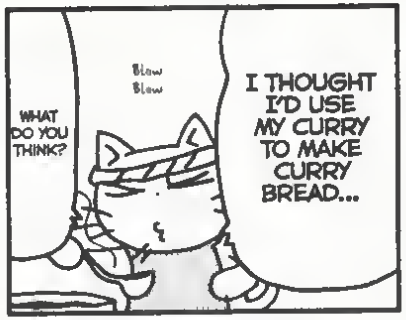
Together

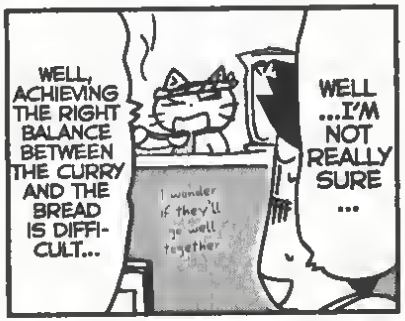


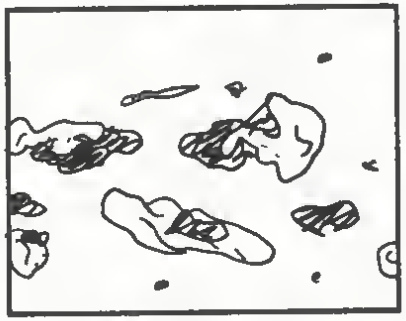




Curry Bread




WELL, ACHIEVING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN THE CURRY AND THE BREAD IS DIFFI-CULT...
I wonder if they'll go well together
WELL ...I'M NOT REALLY SURE ...



IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF...

Kenji Sonishi's

Neko Ramen

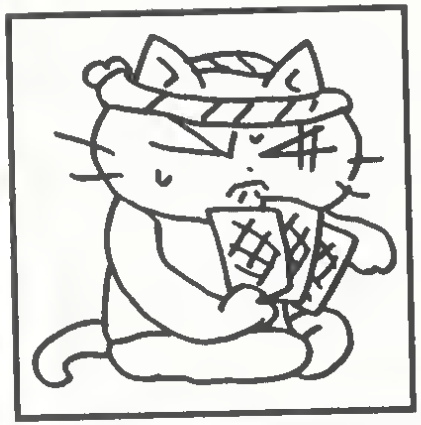
猫ラーメン

THERE'S MORE THAN NOODLES TO BE HAD IN THE NEXT VOLUME OF NEKO RAMEN. TAISHO CONTINUES TO TRY EVERY CRAZY IDEA HE CAN THINK OF TO MAKE HIS RAMEN EXCITING AND POPULAR, INCLUDING A RUSSIAN ROULETTE RAMEN! AND THERE'S OLD STORIES AND NEW RECIPES AS TAISHO REVEALS THE ORIGIN OF HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH TETSU!

And...

THIS IS TAISHO'S FATHER!!

- Real Name: William Thomas Jefferson II
- Breed: American Shorthair (A champion)
- Blood Type: Type A
- Birthplace: The Continental U.S.
- Birthday: November 11th
- Custom made ribbon from a super famous brand (Has 300 of them)
- Occupation: Super Cat Model (Has contracts with more than ten companies)
- Residence: Lives in the penthouse of a super high-rise apartment building with his wife and manager.
- Father and mother are both All-American champions (They reside in California)
- Hobbies: Cruising and grooming
- Sports: Good at everything
- Specialty: Catwalks



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CS: What were your thoughts on all the positive reviews of the first volume?

EG: I was really happy to see that people loved it and to see that I helped bring Taisho to life.

CS: Have you had any other cat or ramen adventures recently?

EG: Other than moving Bagel across country, not too much. We tried to make her a Neko Ramen outfit and take pictures of her, but she quickly let us know she wasn't having any of that.

CS: Darn! I would have loved to see that picture.

A special thanks to Emily and Kumail for taking the time for this interview. Oh, and welcome to Los Angeles!

For more information on Neko Ramen, visit www.neko-ramen.com.

Interview with Emily and Kumail

I finally had a chance of meeting our awesome English Adapters Emily Gordon and Kumail Nanjiani at San Diego Comic-Con. Since we've only spoken through e-mail, it was great to see them in person. Just like Neko Ramen itself, they were two super fun people so I decided to have a quick interview with them just to let the fans know what's going on in their lives right now. So here we go!

About Neko Ramen

Cindy Suzuki: What have you been up to since you finished working on Neko Ramen?

Emily Gordon: Kumail, our cat Bagel and I just moved to Los Angeles for work so we've been enjoying the sun. Bagel had quite an adventure flying first class from New York in her carrier and now refuses to step foot in it again.

CS: What did you think was different about this volume in comparison to the first?

EG: In the first volume we were just meeting all the characters in Taisho's life, and now I like that we get to meet his friends and colleagues. I loved Tetsu, Tanaka's father and of course Pierre! It was fun to see the longer storylines and watch Taisho and Tanaka have new kinds of adventures.

CS: Was the adaptation easier this time around?

EG: I love curry! I eat curry all the time, maybe even more than ramen because it's what Kumail cooks best. He could probably give Taisho a few lessons!